John Smith hails new shadow cabinet as 'blazing trail for advancement of women in politics'

Labour plumps for young look to lead revival

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

women will be a tremendous

boost to the strength of the

Gordon Brown, who recei-

red 165 votes and came top of

the annual popularity contest for the fourth year out of five, will be named by the Labour

in the post of shadow chancellor. Tony Blair, who finished

second, is expected to become shadow home secretary.

Robin Cook, Mr Smith's

campaign manager, who was

third, is likely to become ei-

ther shadow trade and industry secretary or shadow fo-reign secretary. If he takes the trade job, Jack Cunningham,

Labour's election campaign

chief, is likely to become shad-

have been picked for John Smith's first shadow cabinet, giving the Labour leader the team he wanted to lead the party's recovery after four general election

Mr Smith's pledge to con-tinue to modernise the party was endorsed yesterday by the Labour MPs' election of a younger leadership team.

The 18 MPs chosen yesterday are joining Mr Smith and Margaret Beckett, his deputy, who have automatic membership. The Labour lea-der voiced his delight at the success of the women members. "Labour is blazing the trail for the advancement of women in politics. The Labour party now has more women in senior positions than any British political par-ty in history," he said. "The

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Philip Howard looks

at the reading

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ow foreign secretary.

The poll brings the average age of the shadow cabinet down from 52 to 48, while the average age of the cabinet is 52. Mr Brown and Mr Blair, the leading lights in the party's younger generation, are also standing for election to the national executive. They were Mr Smith's "ideas men' during the leadership campaign and they will continue TODAY IN to play a big role as Labour THE TIMES explores ways of widening its

appeal to the anti-Conservative majority in the electorate. The five newcomers are headed by Harriet Harman. who spoke on health issues and may become shadow health secretary, and Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's City spokeswoman. The other wo-

men are Mrs Beckett, Ann

Chwyd and Ann Taylor. Other new faces are David Blunkett, the local government spokesman and the only blind MP; Chris Smith, a talented member of Mr Smith's Treasury team during the last parliament; and Tom Clarke, who is rewarded for his solid performance in the Commons as the personal social services spokesman.

Jo Richardson, who spoke on women's rights, and Barry Jones, the long-serving shad-ow Welsh secretary, will leave the shadow cabinet. The other vacancies were left by the elevation of Mr Smith and Mrs Beckett and the retirement of Gerald Kaufman, the former shadow foreign secretary. Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, who stood against Mr Smith the leadership election, and John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, who stood against Mrs Beckett, were well-supported. There was speculation last night that Mr Gould could become Labour's consumer champi on, shadowing William Wal-degrave's citizen's charter department. Frank Dobson,

who finished in fourth place is tipped to become shadow employment secretary.

Labour MPs were last night relishing the prospect of Mr Cook, one of their strongest parliamentary perform-ers, taking on Michael Hesel-tine over trade and industry

considered for the post of shadow Northern Ireland secretary, said: "I look forward to working with John Smith in the years ahead on the changes that Neil Kinnock introduced." Mr Blunkett said: "Those of us who are fortunate enough to enjoy the confidence of colleagues have a great responsibility in ensuring that the years ahead are not wasted in lifting party morale. We must renew confidence in Labour's values and beliefs and, above all, ensure that we are in touch with the

GP opens

up NHS

fast

track

Hospital officials

private consultation and

public treatment is

unfair, reports Jeremy Laurance

GP fundholder, who pays

consultants to see his pa-

tients privately so they can

jump the queue for hospital

treatment, has clashed with

officials at his local trust hos-

pital who claim he is acting

The arrangement under-mines health department

efforts to prevent the creation

of a two-tier service as a result

of NHS reforms. Last year it

issued a circular to trust hos-

pitals instructing them that

patients of GP fundholders

should not be given priority.

But Dr Tony Snell, who

with two partners runs a practice of 9,000 patients in

Colchester, has found a way

round the ruling by arrang-

tween one and three months

If surgery or other treat-

ment is required, the patients

are placed on the hospital's

NHS waiting list ahead of

others who wait their turn for

an out-patient appointment.

Many GP fundholders have done private deals with

local consultants to secure

similar advantages for their patients. It is likely that they

too are jumping the queue by getting them on to the NHS

out-patient appointment.

the practice's fund, but

Alan Davison, chief execu-

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waiting list sooner.

for out-patients.

priorities and the concerns of the men and women whose Chris Smith, seen as one of Labour's rising stars, said: We have a new leadership and shadow cabinet. Now we

must roll up our sleeves and

get stuck into the Tories."

Those elected were: Gordon Brown, 165 votes; Tony Blair, 150; Robin Cook, 149; Frank Dobson, 140: John Prescott, 137; Bryan Gould, 135; Harriet Harman, 135; Marjorie Mowlam, 135; Chris Smith, 135; Ann Clwyd, 133; Ann Taylor. 129; Jack Cunningham, 124; ald Dewar, 121; David Blunkett. 112; Jack Straw, 111; Tom Clarke, 105; David

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West prepares to send ultimatum to Saddam

BRITAIN, France and Amoutside the ministry.

traq responded to the West's veiled threats by claim-ing that members of the UN team were spies. "Iraq will not concede its sovereignty, will not accept any insult, will not allow the inspection teams to threaten its national security and will not allow any other person affiliated with the UN to interfere with its internal affairs," Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minis-

Ralf Ekeus, head of the UN special commission responsi-

In Washington, a meeting of senior officials to review the final options for a bombing strike against Iraq was can-celled after the Pentagon raised doubts about using military action to force Saddam to comply with the UN resolutions. Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, and General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have questioned how effective a bombing strike would be.



DAVID Mellor has told friends that he is determined to stay on in office despite the continuing furore surrounding his private life.

The national heritage secretary has been bolstered by support from the prime minister, cabinet colleagues and Tory MPs who have told him that it would be wrong for him to succumb to what is tabloid press. Mr Mellor has been put under daily pressure by reports in the tabloids, the most damaging of which were interviews with his

Westminster was alive with rumours yesterday morning that Mr Mellor was about to go. During the day, however, a strong rallying exercise was launched on the cabinet minister's behalf. The firm message was that John Major remained resolute in his conviction that Mr Mellor must stay on, and that the general view among Tory MPs, as communicated to the whips, was that he should remain in

Downing Street said last night that the position re-mained unchanged and Mr Mellor would remain in office with Mr Major's full backing. One Tory MP, Ann Winterton, broke ranks publicly to call for Mr Mellor's resignation, but others spoke out for

Mr Mellor was reported to be heartened by the messages of support he has received from the arts world and from within his department. He has told colleagues that he has a job to do and that nothing that has emerged in newspapers in recent days casts any doubt on his ability

Senior ministers and MPs, some of whom are privately critical of Mr Mellor's behaviour, see the events of the week developing into a trial of strength between the ment and the tabloids that the government cannot afford to lose. One minister said: "If our politicians are to be put through this sort of pressure over things that have happened in their private life and which do not affect their ability to do their job we will not get the right sort of people coming into politics. People will conclude that it just is not

David Wilshire, Conservative MP for Spelthorne, said he did not believe what had happened was a resigning matter. "I am appalled beyond measure at the depths to

By Our Chief Political Correspondent which the gutter press has been going. But I do not feel it is appropriate for MPs to themselves from the legiti-mate public interest. On bal-

ance I think we have to

permit and live with these

Mrs Winterton, however, said Mr Mellor should resign before he damaged the reput-ation of Mr Major's govern-ment. The MP for Congleton said on BBC's The World at One it was a difficult situation. "People who go into public life know what the rules are and know perfectly well that if certain matters are rassing to them, their families and the government, sadly they only have one option."

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Cannabis campaign

The campaign to legalise cannabis celebrates its silver jubilee today in the same style as it was launched, with a full-page advertise-ment in The Times by Release, the drugs and legal

Disry, page 12 leading article and Letters, page 13 Riot arrests

Dozens of youths were arrested for attacking riot

police with petrol bombs and bricks in Blackburn, Huddersfield

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erica are discussing issuing an ultimatum warning the Baghdad regime that it faces military action unless it allows United Nations weapons inspectors into its agriculture ministry. On Wednesday, inspectors were forced by hostile crowds to withdraw from

ter, said in Baghdad.

ble for destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. said the 70 inspectors in Iraq were being severely harassed.
"Our people are really in a
difficult situation, but they
are very courageous and hang on. But that means that they are coming very quickly to an end-game," he said.

West's ultimatum, page 10

Service sector slumps By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITAIN'S economic recovery is being hampered by a renewed slump in the service sector in London and the South that is raising the spectre of a return to recession, according to the British Chambers of Commerce.

Dr Snell said the consul-tants' fees were met from Despite signs of strong recovery in manufacturing in the cost was no greater than the North-East, the East Midlands and Merseyside in the hospital's charges for an the chambers' latest survey of businesses, the economy remains crippled by lack of widespread confidence. Extra cash, page 6

Richard Brown, the cham-

bers' policy director, said: "Recovery is there, but it is tremendously weak, tremen-dously fragile and it would take very little to knock it off

course." The survey, embracing over 8,800 companies, found that, for the first time in two years, both manufacturing and service sectors enjoyed increased orders in the second quarter. However, job-shedding is expected to continue, especially among larger companies.

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Deputy moves up to take on Times editorship



Stothard: wide political

and business knowledge

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PETER Stothard is to succeed Simon Jenkins as editor of The Times in Octo-ber, when Mr Jenkins will as planned resume his writing career as a Times columnist. Mr Jenkins indicated last spring that he intended to stand down

within the year.

Mr Stothard, 42. who joined the newspaper in 1980 and has been deputy editor for seven years, said: "It's a proud day for me. I have worked under four editors of *The Times* and each one

has contributed to the paper's strength.
"My greatest hope is that during my
editorship The Times will be worthy of its best reputation in every field. I am delighted at the prospects ahead. Simon is a tough but great act to follow. Through his sensitive presence over the past two years, he has shown our read-ers that changes can happen and at the same time values can be enhanced. That process will continue."

Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corporation, paid tribute to Mr Jenkins, saying: "In the two-and-a-half years that he has given us, Simon Jenkins has been an outstanding editor of The Times, adding to the newspaper's authority and laying the base for its future growth and expression. future growth and prosperity. He has introduced a wealth of new talent and new ideas and it is a matter of particular pleasure to me that he will continue to contribute to The Times."

Mr Jenkins welcomed the appointment of Mr Stothard, whom he described as a first-class writer. "I am absolutely delighted that my successor has been chosen from within The Times. and equally delighted that it is Peter Stothard. He is a first-class writer and will. I know, consolidate and develop the existing improvements in the paper's style, content and authority.
"We have now completed a planned

two-year programme of change at The Times, embracing a new Saturday Re-view, new typography, the Life & Times section and a new team of writers. As I intended when I came to The Times, I shall be playing a continuing role in its life as a columnist and contributor when Mr Stothard takes over. The Times is in excellent hands and in excellent heart." Andrew Knight, chairman of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd and execu-tive chairman of News International, said: "Peter Stothard has a deep under-

standing of the journalistic traditions of The Times. He will be able to build on all that Simon Jenkins has achieved, Continued on page 2, col 8

As community leaders try to stem unrest, focus falls on unemployment

Police query media role in street violence

SUDDENLY the news bulle-tins are full of foreboding. Another town, another housing estate and more confrontations between police and groups of youths could suggest that Britain is in the grip of widespread urban

Those bulletins can be deceptive. More than 200 people have been arrested in disturbances in eight towns since the middle of June but no common cause appears to link troubles in such places as Luton, Blackburn and

In some cases police have questioned whether the scale of the disturbances merited the attention they have received in the media. Some officers suggest disturbances that would normally pass largely unnoticed earn the headline "riot" because there is little other news around and because there has been more serious trouble in another town.

Vasso Papandreou, the EC commissioner, has blamed the unrest on unemployment, though no detailed analysis has been carried out on whether those 201 arrested are unemployed. While the disturbances have been trig-gered by such incidents as a police drugs raid and the death of two joyriders, high

After the EC commissioner for social affairs blames Britain's employment policy for urban unrest, violence erupts again. Richard Ford reports

feature in seven of the eight areas where police have come under attack.

Unemployment on the Ordsall estate, Salforf, is 17 per cent among adults and in the electoral ward covering the Stoops estate in Burnley it is 12.7 per cent, rising to 30 per cent for adults under 25.
The Hartcliffe area in Bristol
has an unemployment rate of
13-14 per cent. Unemployment rates among the ethnic
minorities in the Wheller minorities in the Whalley Range area of Blackburn are as high as 35 per cent. The difficulties facing a

number of the areas have been recognised by the strenuous efforts to improve housing, environmental and community facilities involv-ing spending millions of

The Raffles estate in Carlisle is part of the £5 million estate action scheme aimed at tackling deprivation and £10 million has been spent on improving homes on the Stoops estate. Whalley Range will be refurbished as part of £37.5 million improvements in Blackburn.

street riot fears

Ragworth Estate

DISTURBANCES

IN THE LAST

FORTY DAYS

Words of warning: violence was not unexpected. Eight parts of Britain have been hit by unrest

July 22 Huddersfield Bracken Hall Estate

while £10 million has been spent on modernisation in he Brackenhall estate in Huddersfield.

More than ten years ago in his report on the Brixton riots, Lord Scarman listed the social conditions that existed in the south London borough. The ethnic minorities suf-fered much more acute deprivations than the "host community", including unemployment, poor housing and an educational system that had not adjusted to meet their needs. None were as cause of the riots but taken together they provided a "set of conditions which create a predisposition towards vio-

lent protest". Since then much has been done to ameliorate the conditions but the troubles of the last few weeks, involving mainly the white working class, indicate that more needs to be done. Recent disturbances were:

Stockton on Tees: Ragworth estate. June 15. Police called after a 999 call about a gun being fired. Arrested youth. Youths from flats threw stones and petrol bombs.

Luton: Marsh Farm estate. July 6-9. Police called after complaint about youths racing motor cycle. Three youths held. Petrol bomb thrown. Next night stolen car set ablaze. Between 20-30 youths milling around the area. Third night two cars set on

fire. Twelve arrests.
Salford: Ordsall estate and other parts of Salford. July 19. Incidents after police mounted operation against car crime. Sporadic trouble, shots fired at police and firefighters. Five arrests.

Bristol: Hartcliffe estate, July 16-18. Trouble after two joyriders on stolen motor cycle died when it was in collision with police car during chase. Hundred youths burnt community centre, smashed windows and looted shops. Police

Cartisle: Raffles estate. July 21. Police called after stolen car set alight. Twenty youths stone police. Nine arrests. Burnley: Stoops estate. July 19. Youths petrol bomb and stone police, who arrest 86. Blackburn: Whalley Range area. July 22. Trouble between Indian and Pakistani community when Moslems tried to stop other Asians becoming involved in drugs. Eight hundred youths involved in running clashes with police. Petrol bombs thrown, secen arresta made. Huddersfield: Brackenhall estate. July 22. Disturbances

began after five people

arrested for suspected drug

offences. Between 100 and

300 youths stoned police.

Eleven arrests.

The morning after: 21 policemen and a firemen were hurt when 300 youths

went on the rampage at Brackenhall estate in Huddersfield after a drug raid

Pleas for calm after youths attack police with firebombs

BY RONALD FAUX

COMMUNITY leaders oleaded for calm yesterday in three northern towns where gangs of youths have caused nights of havoc by hurling petrol bombs and bricks at police and property.

The worst violence broke out in Whalley Range, Black-burn, where 800 battling Indian and Pakistani youths stopped fighting each other and turned on police who arrived to subdue them.

Lancashire police said that when Sergeant Tom Maudsley, a community liaison officer, stepped in to calm the tension between the two groups he was hit on the head by a brick and had to be taken to hospital. Violence lasted until the early hours of vesterday, with lines of police in riot gear becoming the target of a barrage of bricks and firebombs.

Seven people were arrested and 11 officers were slightly hurt. A cafe was attacked with petrol bombs and cars were set alight. Burnley suffered its fourth night of violence from gangs

of youths confronting police on the Stoops housing estate. Police made 36 arrests and a police van was damaged by a firebomb. Officers fear that the outbreaks could attract troublemakers from elsewhere to the area. Residents complained yesterday that this was already happening. People are coming in from a wide area who think this is a challenge, a laugh. It is get-

ting serious." said one. In Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, 21 policemen and a fireman were hurt in a disruption on the Brackenhall housing estate when about 300 youths attacked a line of 70 police in riot gear. The clash flared after police arrested five people in a drug raid. A large crowd of youths gathered and the onslaught against the police lasted until the early hours of

yesterday. Derek McNamara, assistant chief constable of Lancashire, said the Burnley disturbance had broken out on an estate with good quality housing, community cen-

tres and recreational facilities. There was no history of animosity towards the police and no reason for violence to flare up. In Blackburn, the area hit

by violence is a densely populated district of Victorian terraces where many Asian families have settled. Community leaders complain that the unemployment rate among Asians is as high as 50 per cent and there are no opportunities for them. Reports suggested that the riot was sparked by an argument

over drug-taking between two Muslim groups. Gail Barton, deputy leader of Blackburn borough council, said a small number of people had fallen out. "It was a very local incident that got out of hand. We hope that the very urgent efforts of community and religious leaders will cool things down," she said.

Last night riot control police were standing by in Lancashire and Yorkshire, ready to deal with further

BBC spends £70m on cutting costs

Redundancies and other schemes aimed at increasing the BBC's efficiency before the expiry of its royal charter in 1996 cost £70.5 million last year (Melinda Wittstock writes). The figure was disclosed yesterday in the BBC's

writes). The figure was disclosed yesterday in the annual report and accounts.

The BBC, which in the previous year spent £29.3 million on job cuts and cost control measures, would not say how much was paid to 2,000 employees made redundant in the year ending March 31. The broadcasting union Bectu said redundancy payments cost nearly £60 million and would cost at least that much again this financial year. Tony Lennon, Bectu's president, accused the BBC of wasting mention a "Traide headcount exercise" aimed at cutting Lennon, Bectu's president, accused the BBC of wasting money on a "crude headcount exercise" aimed at cutting staff and hiring freelances. "The one cost they don't worry about is redundancy payments, where they seemingly have a bottomless pit." he said.

The BBC rejected the charge, describing cost-cutting schemes as an investment. "Funding the Future, just one of our cost-cutting schemes, has saved the corporation a sum approaching £80 million in one year alone."

Pair to face bomb trial

Joseph Canning, 36, accused of planning a bomb that exploded in London's West End in April, was sent for trial at the Old Bailey yesterday, as was Ethel Lamb. 60, accused of plotting with him. Both were remanded in custody by Arbour Street magistrates. There was no application for bail. They were arrested at their home in Northoli, northwest London, on April 13, after the discovery of an arms cache in a lock-up garage in Uxbridge, west London.

Jailed man freed

A man who served five years of a ten-year jail sentence after being convicted of robbery on the evidence of a confession to the since disbanded West Midlands serious crime squad was set free yesterday after a retrial at Nottingham Crown Court. The evidence was ruled inadmissable. George Lewis. of Wolverhampton, will seek compensation for his years in prison. He was looking forward to getting to know his daughter, Kimberley, 5, who was born after his arrest.

Globe gets £100,000
The project to rebuild Shakespeare's Globe Theatre re-

ceived a £100,000 grant yesterday from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, the body established last year by members of the Pools Promoters' Association. The grant was part of £17.5 million awarded to British sports and arts bodies. The theatre, which is being rebuilt on the south side of the Thames opposite St Paul's Cathedral, is due to be finished in April 1994 and has cost 66 million.

Judge wins damages

A High Court judge was awarded £7,500 damages yesterday in the first libel action to be decided by a judge sitting as an arbitrator and not by a jury. Mr Justice Popplewell was awarded the sum against Today over an article alleging that he fell asleep at a murder trial. The newspaper admitted libel and has already apologised. The award, against which there is no appeal, was made after a 58-minute hearing before Lord Williams, QC, a deputy judge.

Dog sees off gunman

A woman was saved by her dog when it attacked a gunman who had throttled her unconscious with a noose and senually assaulted her. Police seeking the attacker, who struck at Old Dean Common. Camberley, Surrey, at about 8am on Wednesday, are liaising with officers investigating the murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common, less than 20 miles away. The gunman was about 25, 5ft 8in, thin, with brown shoulder length hair and a moustache.

Glorious royal tribute
Show business is assembling a glittering line-up to mark
the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession. A special tribute - Happy and Glorious - will be staged at the Theatre Royal in London's Haymarket on November 30 in the presence of the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward and Princess Margaret. Taking part are some of the great names of the theatre, including John Gielgud: Wendy Hiller, Anthony Hopkins and Paul Scofield.

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introducing his own style as an editor and journalist and

bringing to bear his wide

knowledge of bosiness and

politics on both sides of the

Atlantic, I echo warmly Ru-pert Murdoch's statement

about Simon Jenkins: Mr

Murdoch fully endorsed the

recommendation of Peter

Stothard's appointment to the board.

Mr Stothard was born in

PAHO/WHO Staff Association

Open Letter to the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)

Now, more than ever before, the world needs the United Nations and its dedicated, qualified, specialized, motivated and independent staff to ensure global peace, and dignity and health for all.

The Staff Association of the Pan American Health Organisation/World Health Organisation (PAHO/WHO), representing more than 1400 professional and general service staff members in the Americas, stands with the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations (FICSA) and the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) in today's industrial action to protest the proposed changes to salaries, pensions and other benefits which the ICSC will submit to the United Nations General Assembly.

The changes you, the ICSC commissioners, are proposing undermine further the competitiveness of the United Nations to attract and retain the best qualified staff.

The Staff of the UN and its specialized agencies deserve nothing less than that their conditions of employment are set with fairness and competitiveness - not politics - as the determining factors.

We demand nothing more - nothing less!

£400 target for council tax bills 'will cost extra £2.3m'

BY DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT hold, £139 above the govern-

THE government will have to find an additional £2.3 billion next year to ease the introduction of the new council tax if it is to keep to its target of average bills of £400, accord-

ing to a new study.
Research commissioned by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy also suggests that at least a further £1 billion will be needed to help households worst hit by abolition of the poll tax. At present funding levels the average council tax bill would be £539 a house-

ment's target. The study underlines the dilemma facing Michael Howard, the environment

secretary, as he battles with the Treasury for a larger share of total public spend-ing. He has warned his cabinet colleagues that the government risks repeating the poll tax fiasco next April unless enough money is pumped into the local government system to keep bills down. Last week Mr Howard rejected a demand by English

Payment for electricity blackouts to be doubled

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

COMPENSATION payments to customers let down by local electricity companies are to be doubled as part of a drive by Offer, the electricity watchdog to improve service standards.

The payments, now ranging from £10 to £50, are to ensure that the 14 companies sufter financial penalties if they leave customers without power for long. The increases are expected to be introduced next spring. Last year electricity suppli-

ers paid out £147,500 under

the scheme: evidence, accord-

ing to Stephen Linlechild, the

head of Offer, that in spire of

an overall improvement.

some companies are still not trying hard enough. Professor Linlechild also issued a stern rebuke to power companies for failing to read the meters of almost a million customers last year, and ordered them to offer more convenient appointments.

Of the 14 companies, three failed to meet targets imposed Offer for reading meters: Norweb. South Wales and

I Farmers are to be paid more for electricity pylons and poles on their land. The amount for poles will rise from 55p to £3.50 and for pylons more than 45 ft sq. £56.70 instead of £6.56.

councils to be allowed to increase their spending from £41 billion this year to £45 billion next. He also has extensive capping powers.

His difficulty is that even if

spending is tightly controlled, bills will rise sharply in many areas, particularly in the South-East, because of the switch from a personal local taxation system to one based on property values.

According to the institute's study, details of which will appear in today's Public Fi-nance and Accountancy magazine, people in the highest-value homes could be up to E526 a head worse off unless extra money is found. The target figure of a £400 average bill assumed that £1.25 billion now paid directly to those worst hit by the change from rates to poll tax under transitional relief schemes would be paid to councils as extra grant.

Rita Hale, the independent local government financial consultant who carried out the study, said that if ministers wanted to keep the overall "headline" average bill to E400, a total of E2.3 billion would be needed. A new transitional relief scheme to help those worst hit by the switch from community charge would need more funds.

Ministers must now weigh the relative advantages of across-the-board increases to hold average bills or targeted relief for those worst hit.

Peter Riddell, page 12

Transatlantic pedal man nears Plymouth

to break the world record for a human-powered crossing of the Atlantic today when he arrives in Plymouth after a 43-day journey.

Dwight Collins, 34, of Con-

AN AMERICAN sailor is set

necticul, set off from St John's, Newfoundland, on

June 12 on the first pedalpowered crossing of the At-lantic. He has been chasing the 54-day record set by a rower for covering the 1,930 miles without mechanised power. Mr Collins's 23ft boat. *Tango*, has a pedal sys-

Ceder-strip hull

tem driving a two-bladed pro-peller and a solar-powered satellite navigation system. Mr Collins, who pedalled for ió hours at a time, often covering 70 naurical miles, had to sleep by day so that he could warch for ships at

He is due to arrive at Plymouth's Royal Western Yacht Club between midday and opm. The last days of the crossing, pedalling against the tides in the English Channel, have been the most gruelling.

Great Baddow, Essex, and read classics at Trinity College. Oxford, where he also edited Cherwell. He trained for a year in adventising he fore joining the BBC in 1974 as a journalist. In 1979, he joined The Sunday Times under Harold Evans as business and political correspondent and moved with his collier to The Times the following year, He became chief leader writer under the editorship of Charles Douglas-Home and in 1985 was appuinted deputy editor to Charles Wilson who yesterday described him as a very line man. For the past three years. Mr Stothard has worked in Washington as the newspaper's United States editor. He is married to the novelist Sally Emerson

and has two children.

His appointment was endorsed resurrendent directors. Baroness Brigstocke: Str. Alastair Burnier of Lines Const. Lord Harris of High Cross-Lord Markestord and Sir Pat-

'Right to die' woman is not a Jehovah's Witness, judges told

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE 20-year-old seriously ill woman at the centre of a legal battle over the right of an adult to refuse blood transfusions even if it means death "is not and never has been" a Jehovah's Witness, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday. Instead, the woman, referred to only as T, had been-

influenced by the religious faith of her mother and was forced by her to follow the religion for a number of years in breach of the terms of a custody order. The daughter had rebelled and was not now practising, the judges were

the second day of a challenge by lawyers for T to a High Court ruling last week that doctors could legally give her transfusions even though she objected on the grounds of her religious beliefs.

The judges will give their decision today on whether the woman, an accident victim whose baby was stillborn, can receive treatment without her. consent. Their full reasons

will be given later.
Yesterday Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, and Lords Justices Butler-Sloss and Staughton

The disclosures came on heard yesterday that in judgment second day of a challenge ment last week, given in private, Mr Justice Ward had found that T was influenced by her mother in deciding not to have blood transfusions after a car accident but that it was not "undue influence" and that the decision was voluntary.

However, Mr Justice Ward found that her original refusal did not cover the emergen-cy that had arisen since — the stillbirth of her child and the subsequent deterioration of her condition to the point where she needed blood transfusions. It did not amount to "a settled intention" to persist in that refusal if it injured her health. The judge had accepted the father's evidence that "she would rather have blood than die" and declared it lawful for the hospital to give her blood

"in her best interests".

The Court of Appeal yester-day also heard a statement from the Jehovah's Witnesses that T was not and had never

been a Jehovah's Witness. The statement said that although the case has been heralded as a test of an adult's "constitutional right to die", Jehovah's Witnesses "do not wish to exercise a 'right to die', rather they wish to live by obtaining the best possible medical treatment." The statement said this included "transfusions of blood substitute, but they do not accept the medical use of blood in keeping with Bible teaching".

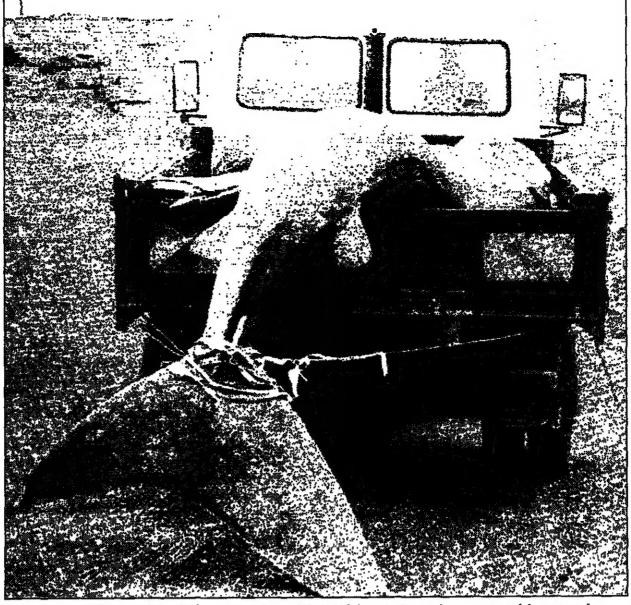
The case of the woman, who is almost unconscious but stable, has been taken up by David Venables, Official Solicitor, who represents those who cannot act for themselves. The appeal is being opposed by her father and the West Midlands health suppositive responsible health authorities responsible

for treating her. Allen Levy QC, for the father, said he was very anxious to correct the impression given that his daughter was a Jehovah's Witness. "I would say on behalf of the father that she never has been a Jehovah's Witness. The highest it can be out on the evidence is that at one point she she held certain beliefs The father instructs me she was never baptised as a Jeho-

vah's Witness." In last week's judgment, Mr Justice Ward said T was the daughter of parents whose marriage was dissolved some years ago. "One of their irreconcilable differences arose out of the mother's fervent adherence to the faith of the Jehovah's

Witnesses."

David Stembridge QC, for the health authorities, said the High Court judge should have ruled that T's refusal to consent to blood transfusion was "void from the beginning" because of the influence her mother had exerted over her. "It is plain from the evidence that this patient was motivated by her mother".



men off the Durham coast, being taken yesterday to the fish market at North Shields. Tommy Smith and Harry Brace fought it for two hours when it became entangled in their

The shark was writhing around wildly, trying to get free. I was afraid that one swipe of its tail could have sunk the boat. When it dived and swam underneath I thought it would drag us

into harbour and were hoping it would sell for enough to cover the £200 damage to their nets. The largest basking shark landed in Britain, at

Jury set to retire in Taylor case

By BILL FROST

THERE was no evidence to show that a teenage girl and her sister lay in wait for Alison Shaughnessy and stabbed her to death, a defence lawyer told an Old Bailey jury

yesterday.
Lady Mallalieu, QC, representing Lisa Taylor in the murder trial, said: "Where is the evidence they did this? There is none." The allega-tion against her client was "totally absurd".

Lisa Taylor and her sister Michelle, 21, from Forest Hill, southeast London, both deny murdering Mrs Shaughnessy on June 3 last that Michelle Taylor had an affair with the dead woman's husband. The prosecution alleges that Mrs Shaughnessy was stabbed 54 times in "a jealous frenzy".

Lady Mallalieu told the court that Mrs Shaughnessy's murder was more probably carried out by an intruder she had disturbed at her home in southwest London. She asked the jury to release her client "from the shadow of the charge of murder which she patently did not commit".

Beginning his summing-up, Mr Justice Blofeld said the jury might take the view that John Shaughnessy, Mrs Shaughnessy's husband, was behaving badly both to his wife and Michelle Taylor. "This is not the first time in history that has happened,"

The jury is expected to re-

A history of the Crown vs religion

Louise Hidalgo and David Davis examine past battles between the authorities and Jehovah's Witnesses

risk, because of their staunch belief that blood is sacred. Some of the more publicised cases have in-volved children whose par-ents have come into conflict with doctors by objecting to-blood transusions on reli-gious grounds, even in the face of death.

One of the most recent cases was that of Stephanie

Charalambous, a two-yearold leukaemia victim. Two years ago she was removed from Great Ormond Street Hospital by her parents after a High Court ruling empowered doctors to give her blood against their wishes. They flew her to their home in Cyprus but were eventually forced, in August 1990, to accept a court order there that over-ruled their objections and allowed the child to receive

In a letter to The Times, J Andrews, medical and legal co-ordinator of Watch Towin Britain, defended the parents' action, saying that they had to weigh "the risk-

benefit equation". The parents of a three-year-old boy from Cumbria, suffering from heart dis-ease, were criticised by medical and children's groups after searching in vain for several months for a British doctor willing to try open-heart surgery without a blood transactu. They eventually took the boy to the United States. where he died under surgery in December 1988.

In most cases, the courts have been able to intervene swiftly enough to prevent loss of life. A Southampton judge granted an emergency application from the

Jehovah's Witnesses local health authority to make a ten-day-old baby a sions, even when life is at ward of court in 1982 to allow a life-saving blood transusion against his par-ents' wishes. In 1977 a nine-year-old girl injured in a car accident was made a ward of court after her mother refused to grant permission for a blood tranfusion, and a 13-yearold boy was put into local authority care in 1976 on the same grounds.

> n 1975 Aberdeen social I workers gained a court order to allow an unborn child to be given a blood transfusion at birth. The court passed parental con-Cases involving adults

include: Childbirth in 1987 a mother in Halifax bled to death after refusing a blood transfusion. following the birth of her stillborn child. woman suffering from can-cer refused a blood transusion after her left

☐ Heart disease: the family of a man who died during heart surgery in 1977 after refusing a blood transusion publicly blamed the sect for his death. ☐ Dentistry: in 1972 a 28-

year-old man died after two teeth were removed. His refusal to have a blood transusion was overturned by the surgeon, despite rel-atives' efforts to obtain a barming order.

U Stabbing: a young girl who had been stabbed died in 1974 after refusing a

□ Road accident a 19-

year-old man, injured in a road accident in 1970, was eventually given a blood transusion against his wishes but later died.



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BY LUCY ROCK

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The AA warns motorists to expect delays on the A7 in the south of France between Orange and Salon-de-Provence. Roadworks are causing congestion on the A1 just north of Paris and in the city on the Boulevard Péripherique.

The final stage of the sevenry-ninthTour de France finishes on the Champs Elysees in Paris on Sunday.

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☐ Air UK has plenty of seats on its outbound Paris services from Stansted today, but there are few seats available on weekend flights. There is lots of space on the Leeds to Paris and the Stansted to Nice-services over the weekend. T.A.T. has little room left on flights from Garwick to Paris, but seats are available on services between Gatwick and Lyon. British Midland has space on all flights to Paris and Nice over the next

heavy bookings on flights from Heathrow to Paris and Nice, but there is lots of space on departures to Paris from London City Airport

☐ Brittany Ferries are fully booked on all routes to France over the next week. Hoverspeed has foot passenger space only on its Seacat sailings from Dover to Calais and Boulogne over the weekend, and there is limited space on hovercraft crossings from Dover to Calais. P&O European Ferries' daytime sailings to Calais from Dover this weekend are very busy, although there is space available for passengers travelling to Boulogne.

☐ The franc has continued to gain strength against the pound over the past week, according to Travelex. Exchange rates for the franc will be between 10.05 and 10.08 when buying and 9.20 and

9.23 when selling. Frances Bissell, The Times's cookery writer, will be interviewed by Angela Rippon on her Drivetime programme on LBC Newstalk next Thursday at 6.50pm.

A special four-page drivers' guide to France will be published in The Weekend Times

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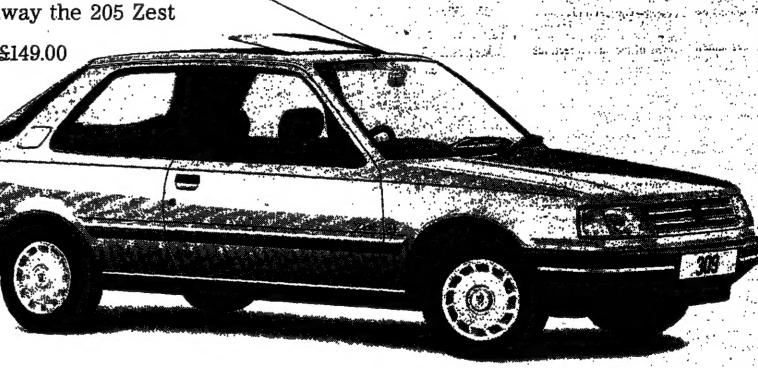
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New 'disease' **worries Aids** researchers

FROM NIGEL HAWKES IN AMSTERDAM

THE World Health Organisation is to hold an urgent meeting of expens to review growing evidence of an Aidslike condition that is not caused by the Aids virus.

Concern over reports of the new condition, which has dominated this week's Inter-national Aids Conference, was heightened yesterday with a report from California of the finding of a virus that may be responsible. Dr Sudhir Gupta, head of basic and clinical immunology at the University of California at Irvine, said he had isolated from a 66-year-old woman and her 38-year-old daughter a virus belonging to the same general class as HIV, but different from any previous virus implicated in Aids.

The older woman is suffer-

Alert on arthritis drug risk

By Allson Roberts

MORE than a million people taking a type of drug for arthritis are at risk of developing potentially life-threaten-ing stomach disorders, a group of prominent rheumatologists claimed yesterday.

The range of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) taken for arthritis, including aspirin, accounts for 5 per cent of all prescibed medication but is responsible for 25 per cent of adverse drug reactions reported.

A consensus report produced by a panel of European doctors recommends co-administration of another drug to prevent gastrointestinal bleeding caused by NSAIDs in high-risk patients. The 40 per cent of NSAID patients over 60 are a particular cause for concern, the group's re-

port says.
Ian Griffiths, consultant rheumatologist at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne, said NSAID prescriptions had risen by 64 per cent over the past eight years to 24 million annually.

Earlier yesterday, scientists from Guy's Hospital in London told a rheumatology conference that rheumatoid arthritis, the chronic inflamthe destruction of joints, was caused by a brain defect. Their discovery may lead to the development of new treat-

The conference was also told that health care rationing meant the treatment of rheumatism and arthritis would be increasingly governed by costs. It was more cost-effective to perform hip replacement operations on people who could return to work than keeping them on drugs and state benefits, Professor Roger Sturrock, of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow,

ing from Aids-like symptoms, including a deficiency of im-mune system cells and pneumocystis carinii pneu-monia, an opportunistic in-fection typical among Aids patients. Her daughter app-

Experts at the conference were uncertain of the signifi-cance of Dr Gupta's paper, which was released in advance of its publication in the August issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Most said that they would like to see

additional evidence. There is, however, real concern about the roughly two dozen cases of Aids-like symptoms for which a cause can-not be identified, such as the older woman in Dr Gupta's study. The WHO meeting is designed to examine all available evidence on these pa-tients, who so far come only from the US and Europe. Michael Merson, head of

the WHO's global Aids pro-gramme, said the meeting would be arranged as soon as the best experts in the world could be assembled, probably in Geneva. "It should be within weeks, or at least months," he said. "This is urgent. What we have to do first is to make a case definition, and then see how many cases fit it, where they come from, and what common characteristics they may have. We should then be able to decide how serious the problem is."

Dr Gupta was not at the conference, though his paper was the main subject of yes-terday's discussion. The paper says both women harbour a human retrovirus, which he has named HICRV, for human intracisternal retrovirus. If a blood transfusion more than 40 years ago for the older woman is ruled out, neither has any known risk factor for Aids.

Dr Max Essex, of Harvard School of Public Health, a virologist, said he was not convinced that the particles described by Dr Gupta were a retrovirus. Such "virus-like particles" were unlikely to be transmitted as infectious agents, he said. Dr David Ho, of the Aaron Diamond Aids Research Centre in New York, said he had detected a retrovirus in 11 patients, but was not yet sure if it was the

☐ Anthony Pinching, profes-sor of immunology at St Bartholemew's Hospital in London, warned the conference yesterday that "enthusiasm, money, desperate and wide-scale clinical need, and even the most benevolent dogmatism" might not be

Boots barracked

By NICHOLAS WATT

ANIMAL rights activists jeered Boots shareholders yesterday in a protest against the company's tests on live animals. The protesters shouted "murderers" at shareholders as they scuttled into the company's annual meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II Confer-

ence Centre in Westminster. Boots was unmoved by the protest and said last night that it would continue to test its products on animals. The overwhelming majority of doctors agree that animal testing of medical products is essential," it said. "However, for the last 20 years, we have not tested ingredients for our cosmetic and toiletry products on animals."

Robin Webb, of the Animal Liberation Front. said tests should be stopped as they did should be stopped as they do not work. "The experiments are not only morally wrong, they are also scientifically misleading. The pharmaceu-tical company Ciba-Geigy found that 95 per cent of the drugs passed on animals were rejected when they were tried

out on humans." The protest came as the Home Office released figures showing a 1 per cent increase, to 3.2 million, in the number of tests carried out on animals cause of their condition. Dr June Osborn, of the US National Commission on

Aids, said: "Now we have tremendous technical abilities in virology. I wonder if we are seeing something that has been in our world forever without doing any harm? We are not seeing clustering of cases or evidence of an epidemic as we did with Aids. I think people should be quite

enough to secure success in the fight against Aids.

over animal tests

the figure, saying that it should be nearer six million. David Morton, professor of

biomedical science and ethics at Birmingham University. said the figures had been carefully compiled. However, he said "a certain percentage" of the tests would not work. "DNA in humans, for example, has 70 per cent in common with rats, which means that tests will not be

☐ A petition signed by more than 3,000 veterinary sur-geons against a proposed European Community ruling on transporting farm animals was presented to John Gummer, the agriculture minister, yesterday. The directive would allow livestock to be transported for 24 hours or more without food or water, which would double Britain's

The pressure group Com-passion in World Farming also released a video showing conditions endured by farm animals in transit through Europe. It said: "This video makes it clear that, once animais leave our shores. we have no control over their fate. If Mr Gummer's fine words on animal welfare are to carry conviction, then he

Lack of old skills is killing woodlands, says minister

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S ancient woodlands are dying of neglect because of the decline in traditional ways of looking after them. David Maclean. the countryside minister,

said yesterday.
These woods are no long-"These woods are no long-er threatened with destruc-tion but by a lack of the managed interference, such as pollarding and coppicing, that used to sustain a whole range of rural activities," he said.

There was a need to find a new market for coppiced hazelwood, formerly used for charcoal burning and as fencing and roofing material on farms, and to encour-age traditional craftsmen such as the "bodgers" who once made a living turning chair and table legs.

Mr Maclean later walked

through Wormley Wood, a 340-acre patch of hornbeam and sessile and pedunculate oaks southwest of Hertford, to mark the launch of the final volume in a trilogy of guides to Britain's ancient woodlands. The books, sponsored by Esso UK, draw on ten years of research by English Nature and its predecessor, the Nature Conser-



Guided tour: Lord Cranbrook, chairman of English Nature, with a copy of a new woodland guide, deep in Wormley Wood yesterday

varicy Council, the results of which will be published later this year as the Ancient Woodland Inventory. The inventory will show

that over the past 50 years 45 per cent of ancient wood-land, defined as broad-leaved native forest dating from at least 1600, has been cleared, mainly for agriculture, mineral extraction and

road building, or changed beyond recognition by re-planting with alien trees. Lord Cranbrook, the chairman of English Nature, estimated yesterday that 2.6 per cent of the land area of Britain now consisted of ancient woodland, but that about 40 per cent of this had been partially felied and

replanted, mostly with non-

native species of conifer. Conifers, accounting for three quarters of all tree cover in Britain, predominate because they are fast-grow-ing, offering a quicker re-turn on capital, and because the main industrial demand is for softwood. Wormley Wood, thought to have been a forest site since the end of the last ice age, was bought

the Woodland Trust in 1981 from the Marquess of Salisbury and is one of 508 woods and spinneys that the charity is maintaining and, where possible restoring. About 20 per cent of the wood had been planted with conifers when the trust took

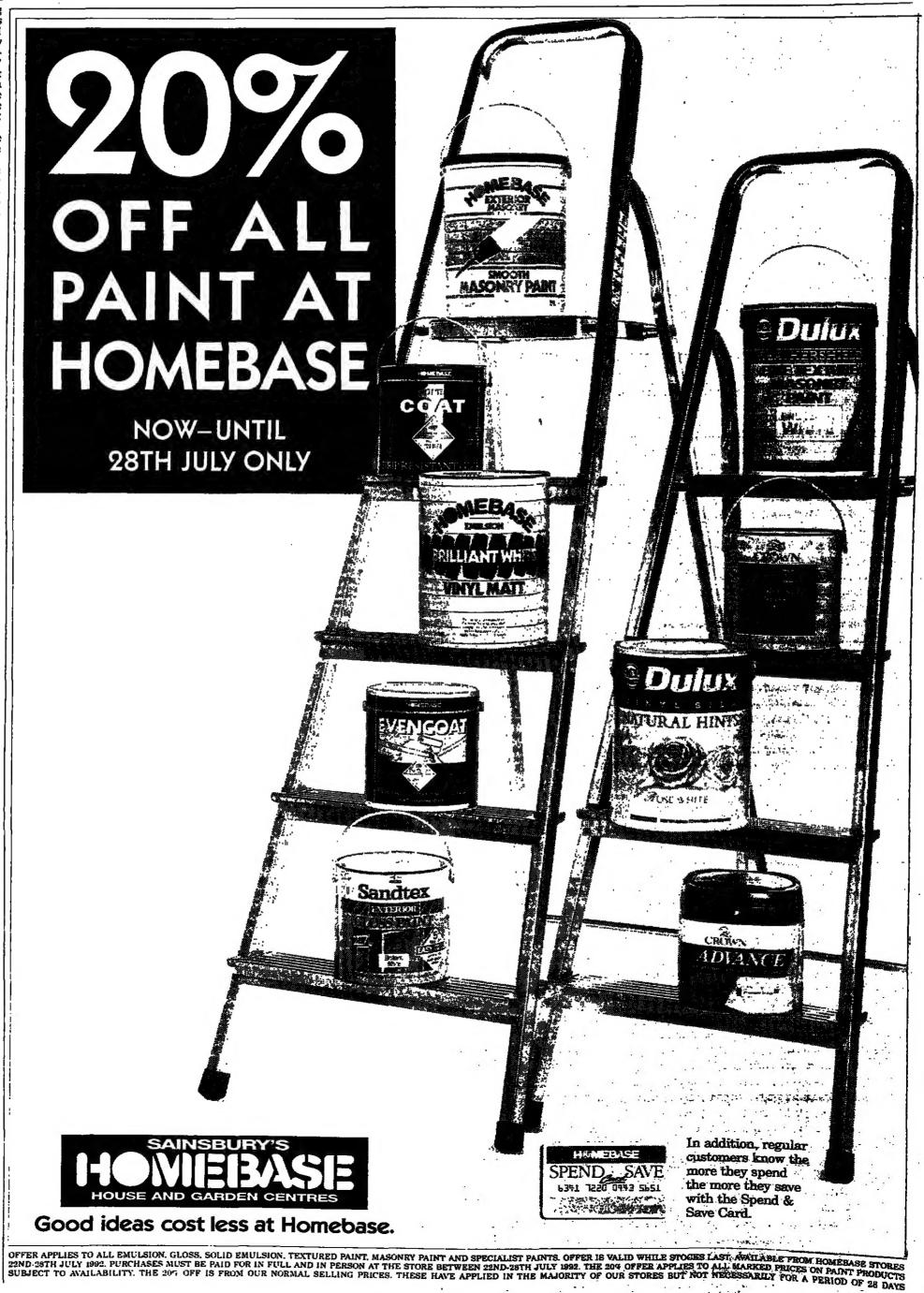
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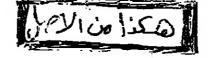
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tion should restore the wood to its former broad-leaved

Ecologists working for English Nature estimate that about half the coniferplanted areas of ancient woodland can be restored to their native condition in time. The character of some, however, has been changed beyond salvation:





Shadow cabinet election brings five new faces to the fore in Labour's parliamentary line-up

Poll boosts number of women in Smith team

FIVE new faces were elected to Labour's shadow cabinet yesterday, giving John Smith a younger and more representative team. Harriet Harman, Marjorie

Mowlam, Chris Smith, David Blunken and Tom Clarke were voted in for the first time, and two long-serving members. Jo Richardson. the shadow women's minister, and Barry Jones, the shadow Welsh secretary, lost their places on the 18-member slate. Mr Smith will announce the portfolios for his team today.

The new line-up gives Mr Smith two extra women in his cabinet - bringing the total up to five - as well as the only MP who has declared that he is homosexual, Chris Smith, and the only blind MP. David Blunkett.

Yesterday's elections, however, left Mr Smith without an obvious candidate to become shadow Welsh secretary. Ann Clwyd is known to be reluctant to take the job, but Ron Davies, who came 19th in the ballot, could be given the portfolio.

George Robertson, who has been the party's European affairs spokesman and deputy to Gerald Kaufman, narrowly missed reaching the top 18 but is in line for

MARJORIE MOWLAM

Marjorie Mowlam's entry into the shadow cabinet is a just reward for helping John Smith and Gordon Brown to dispel the fear in the City of a Labour government. Charged with presenting the acceptable face of Labour, the most stylish of the party's women MPs conducted an intensive pre-election prawn cocktail offensive as the City affairs spokesman on Mr Brown's trade and industry

She made friends, as well as valuable contacts, in the City

The Labour party's shadow cabinet election has infused John Smith's team with fresh blood. Our political staff profile the newcomers

our, a body linking the party with business and the money markets. During her lorays she would bluntly criticise investment fund managers for "short-termism" and promote the party's policy for economic regeneration. She is known for straight talking spiced with expletives.

Although she was some-times openly derisive of Neil Kinnock's leadership, she has developed the knack, or the luck, to steer clear of trouble. She swiftly rejected the offer of a free holiday villa by a millionaire financier last summer for fear of damaging

Ms Mowlam, 42, entered Parliament in 1987 as MP for Redcar and became one of the first of the new intake to be promoted when, the following year, she joined Kevin McNamara's Northern Ireland team. Her move in 1989 to Mr Brown's team, when she shadowed John Redwood, and her handling of the difficult City regulation brief, marked her as potential cabinet material.

Mo, as she is known, gained a degree in social anthropology from Durham University and went on to lecture at Barnsley. Newcastle and Florida University.

She started off as a leftwinger, campaigning strong-ly for nuclear disarmament. However, her rejection of leans in favour of smart suits became symbolic of her metamorphosis into a Labour frontbencher regarded as a safe pair of hands by senior colleagues and one of the most ambitious women MPs



Ann Clwyd, left, re-elected to the shadow cabinet, is joined by David Blunkett and Harriet Harman, one of two new women on the team

CHRIS SMITH

ohn Smith will take keen pleasure in welcoming Chris Smith into the shadow cabinet as he has made no secret of his respect for the intellectual skills and hard work of his deputy on Labour's Treasury team.

It was noted by MPs that the new Labour leader's first public engagement this week was to open Chris Smith's new Islington South and Finsbury constituency

The conversion at the general election of the marginal into a 10,652-majority seat removed one obstacle to his further promotion.

The only MP in the House of Commons to openly de-clare that he is a homosexual, Chris Smith joined the Labour party when at Cambridge University, where he gained a first in English and later completed his PhD thesis in early 19th century poetry. and was president of the union. He later went to Harvard University as a Kennedy

He has already achieved one of John Smith's goals by climbing all 277 of the Munros, the Scottish peaks over

Chris Smith came into the

years on Islington borough council. He has since focused on improving public access to official information, housing and economic affairs. He has also been secretary of the soft-left Tribune group.

After the general election, he carried an extra workload the Commons as John Smith was diverted from his post as shadow chancellor by the leadership contest.

In the final days before the summer recess he won praise from colleagues for forcing the Conservative whips to pull out all the stops to quell a revolt among their MPs about the re-imposition of stamp duty on house sales.

DAVID BLUNKETE

David Blunkett was tipped for future front-bench status even before entering Parliament when, in 1983, he became the first person for nearly 50 years to be elected to the constituency section of Labour's national executive committee without having been an MP.

As the then left-wing leader of Sheffield city council, which revelled in its status as a socialist republic defying the Tory government, he called for local government to

ism. As Bryan Gould's campaign manager in the Labour leadership election, Mr Blunkett, 45, is the only new member of the shadow cabinet not to have supported

It is not the first time, however, that he has been rewarded despite delying the party leadership. In 1985 he alienated members of Mr Kinnock's shadow cabinet when, at the party conference, he offered an olive branch to the Militant-led Liverpool council.

His local government experience was quickly recognised by Mr Kinnock, who made him the party's spokesman on the subject within a year of him becoming MP for Sheffield Brightside in 1987. Since then, the controversy over poll tax and council tax has ensured that he main-

tained a high political profile.

Despite being blind since birth, Mr Blunkett has strenuously avoided allowing the disability to earn him support based on sympathy.

He has become one of the best-known Labour MPs, appearing regularly on television and radio, accompanied, as in the Commons, by

Harriet Harman has Hearned her way on to the shadow cabinet through her adept performance as Robin Cook's number two at health and must be one of the most likely contenders for the top health post this time.

Ms Harman, 41, has risen rapidly through the ranks of the Parliamentary Labour Party, championing civil lib-erties and women's rights. The bright middle-class leftwinger, who had a good general election, is popular with the public and has successfully combined her career

with raising three children. Married to Jack Dromey, a senior TGWU official, she has long criticised Commons working hours and campaigned for a creche, to little

Ms Harman was equal seventh with Marjorie Mowlam, sharing the top female vote.
The outspoken Ms Harman became MP for Peckham after a 1982 byelection. The former legal officer of the National Council of Civil Liberties was considered then as a new brand of Labour woman — a socialist feminist who had eschewed the traditional politician's

career of rising through the

Tom Clarke is best known for his tireless campaigning on behalf of the disabled. Mr Clarke, 52; sponsored the Disabled Persons Act in 1986 and has been the spokesman on personal social services since 1987.

Starting out as an office boy with a Glasgow firm of accountants, he served on Coarbridge town council and Monklands district council before entering Parliament as MP for Coatbridge and Airdrie in 1982.

Now the Member of Parliament for Monklands West, his neighbour is John Smith. the Labour leader.

From the centre right of the party, Mr Clarke was Scottish spokesman on education and health from 1986-7. A film bull, who has been governor of the British Film Institute, Mr Clarke is well regarded in the Labour party and may get an enhanced job in the health and social services field.

Although not one of Labour's high-profile MPs. Mr Clarke has been prominent within the party as a former chairman of Labour's foreign affairs committee and secretary of its United Nations parliamentary

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that the Development Board for Rural Wales spent about

£23,000 on an unauthorised

car leasing scheme, in which

staff were heavily subsidised

to use office cars for private

purposes (Sheila Gunn writes). He told the board to

revert to the original scheme,

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and asked it to consider re-

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The ministry was also criti-

GP budget holders granted extra cash

BY JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FAMILY doctors who hold their own budgets will be given more powers and extra. money to buy a greater range of services for their patients. the government said

yesterday.

GP fund-holders, who can now shop around for hospital operations, will be able to buy services in the community. including help for the mental-by ill and the disabled, from next April.

At a conference for health service managers in Norwich. Brian Mawhinney, health minister, said that GP fundholders would be able to buy health visiting, counselling and all community mental health services. "By widening GP fund-holders purchasing responsibilities beyond the acute sector into community nursing, we are raising the tempo for change," he said.

The move to allow GPs to buy services for the mentally ill is in line with the policy to encourage more people to live at home rather than in instunions. There has been concern that as people are moved out of institutions they fall through the care net, sometimes ending up on the

streets. The implementation of the government's community care policy from next April will put a heavier burden on GPs. After Wednesday's announcement that spending hids totalling £14 billion have been rejected for next year. health ministers are worried that community care might suffer. Virginia Bottomky. the health secretary, is arguing for about £600 million. some of which will be transferred from the social security

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Although details are still being finalised, health and environment ministers have persuaded the Treasury of the need to prevent local authorities from spending the money in other areas, such as education or housing. Ministers say that it is likely that a lump sum covering the whole com-munity care bid will be earmarked for a transitional period of two or three years. It will then be merged with the standard spending

More than 3,000 GPs are fund-holders, with another 3,500 preparing to take up budgets next April. From April. GP fund-holders will be given a budget for community nursing services in addition to the money they receive for hospital care. The new budget will be based on activity in 1992-3, taking into account any expected changes. Fund-holders will not be able to employ community nurses directly but will have to place contracts with nursing

☐ An all-party Commons committee is to open an endritt, just a pacified of new benefit payments to thousands of disabled people. The social security select committee said yesterday that many people had complained of a "total lack of response" from the social security department when they tried to regis-ter for the disability living

alkowance. The committee's move comes after an announce; ment that social security officials are setting up a task once to deal with the backlog. Figures show that of 350,000 claims made up to the end of June. 80,000 were granicd.

More than 750 staff have seen recruited to help their the backlog, which has left claimants, including some who are terminally ill, waiting up to six months for money.

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MoD 'missed £9m saving'

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE defence ministry was criticised yesterday for delaying the introduction of costcutting plans that could have saved £9 million a year. The savings should have resulted from offering support service contracts to outside competition, the National Audit Of-

fice said. Under a "market testing" system, in-house operations in areas such as vehicle repair, cleaning and catering are put out to private tender. However, the ministry had been going through a period of unprecedented change. and resources had been under such pressure that staff could not be made available to carry out the market test-ing, which often took two

years, an audit office report ued at £61 million. Only 28 tests were completed. This had resulted in "deferment of

Sir John Bourn, the Auditor General, suggested that the ministry should consider putting some of the market testing process itself out to private tender.

In a speech this week, Mal-colm Rifkind, the defence secretary, promised to expand market testing, and said that Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, would be responsible for the pro-

However, the audit office report said that market testing at the ministry had not progressed as quickly as planned. By the start of 1990/91, the plan was to complete 140 market tests on activities val-

Isle of Wight gets a date for change

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for the first new local authority to be created in Britain for almost two decades will be completed by next spring, John Redwood, local government minister. said yesterday.

Announcing the working timetable for the new local government commission. Mr Redwood said final proposals for a new authority for the Isle of Wight would be published in April. Proposals for Derbyshire

would be published in September next year, raising the prospect that the two new councils could come into operation on April 1. 1994, the deadline for the creation of the first new councils.

The Isle of Wight will be the first area to be examined in detail by the commission, which is reviewing local govemment in England apart from London and the metropolitan areas. There is a wide measure of agreement on the island that the existing twotier structure of a single county and two district councils should be replaced by one allpurpose unitary authority for the whole island. Unitary authorities are likely to be recommended for most districts. The timetable calls for work

on the Isle of Wight to be completed in 38 weeks but allows longer for the four other areas which will be examined.

Work on the review in Derbyshire will take 54 weeks, in Cleveland and Co Durham the commission will be allowed 62 weeks, while the review of Avon and Humberside and their surrounding counties will take 69 weeks.

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The signatories to this petition call upon the Home Secretary to recognise that the overwhelming weight of evidence demonstrates that the prohibition of cannabis has promoted criminality, conflict and more harm to the individual and society than its use ever has. On behalf of the citizen and the community we therefore call on him to introduce a programme of reform of the law which will include:

- 1. The abolition of the possession of cannabis as a criminal offence.
- 2. A thorough review to examine appropriate measures for the establishment of legal and properly regulated sources for the supply of cannabis.

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Cannabis smoking is a common feature of British life. The number of people estimated to have used cannabis in this country is now generally recognised to be in excess of 5 million. More people smoke cannabis than go to football matches, visit art galleries or go to church on Sunday. The people who use it are from all walks of life, all age groups, all social classes and all sections of the community. They do not fit any conventional stereotype — in fact the only thing they have in common is that they are all breaking the law. By participating in a recreational activity for which there is still no conclusive evidence to demonstrate that it causes any significant harm, they are branded criminal. The only time people who use cannabis should be subject to criminal law is when their drug use causes harm to others.

The argument that cannabis leads people inevitably to addiction to harder drugs has proved worthless. The only link of any kind lies with the law's insistence on bracketing cannabis with other drugs thereby seducing some who will use and enjoy it into the mistaken belief that other drugs are equally harmless.

Not only is the prohibition of cannabis a law which lacks justification and credibility it is also an affront to individuals' liberty and a constant threat to the welfare of significant sections of society. It is a law which has proved immoral in principle and unworkable in practice.

Reform of the law on the use of cannabis would involve an effective legal framework of controls and licensing. Reform of the law would ensure proper information and regulation around cannabis use in a way that already exists for many other substances and commodities. Reform of the law would help restore confidence and credibility in response to drug use. Reform of the law would show a responsibility and maturity which we have yet been unwilling to display.

In the light of overwhelming evidence that our present law is iniquitous and unjust we call upon the Government and citizens of the UK to abolish the prohibition of cannabis and legalise its use

The Experts Say

"Having reviewed all the material available to us we find ourselves in agreement with the conclusions reached by the Indian Hemp Drugs Commission appointed by the Government of India (1893-1894) and the New York mayor's committee on marijuana (1944) that the long-term consumption of cannabis in moderation has no harmful effects. - THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DRUG DEPENDENCY (THE WOOTON COMMITTEE), 1968

"There is insufficient evidence to enable us to reach any incontestable conclusions as to the effects on the human body of the use of cannabis. but that much of the research undertaken so far has failed to demonstrate positive and significant harmful effects in man attributable solely to the use of cannabis. "—THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS, REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE EFFECTS OF CANNABIS USE, HOME OFFICE, 1981

"On any objective reckoning cannabis must at present get a cleaner bill of health than our legalised 'recreational drugs'." — A REPORT ON DRUGS AND DRUG DEPENDENCE BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS, 1987

"Medicines often produce side effects. Sometimes they are physically unpleasant. Many doctors consider marijuana effective in relieving the nausea of chemotherapy, treating glaucoma and helping Aids patients to gain weight. It too has discomforting side effects, but

these are not physical they are political." - THE ECONOMIST MARCH 28TH, 1992, MEDICAL MARIJUANA THE LAST SMOKE

"These surveys would suggest that cannabis smoking seems to be a well established leisure activity of up to 10% of young adults. It is certainly no longer true to say, if it ever was, that cannabis smoking is a sign of affiliation to an 'alternative' life style. Clearly, in the light of its popularity and to a degree its apparent social acceptability, questions are raised about the legalisation of cannabis." — THE MISUSE OF DRUGS, OFFICE OF HEALTH ECONOMICS, 1992

"The only solution to the drug problem is the legalisation of all drugs. If this is too radical and too much opposed to received wisdom and decades of conditioning then perhaps we could begin by repealing the laws against the drug which has been shown by several impartial investigations to be at least no more harmful than alcohol, and whose use causes the most conflict between users and the law: cannabis." — SEPGEANT GORDON PAYNE THE POLICE PEVIEW, 28:2-92

"Penalties against possession of a drug should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself: and where they are, they should be changed. Nowhere is this more clear than the laws against possession of marijuana in private for personal use." - US PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, QUOTING FROM THE N.C.M D.A., 1977

"It seems likely that if there were any hazards associated with the use of cannabis, they would be fairly well known by now, but all the available evidence suggests that cannabis is no more damaging a drug than tea or coffee. Indeed it is probably less dangerous than drinks containing caffeine. " - DR VERNON COLEMAN MB CHB, 1992

"Drug addiction and drug misuse should primarily be treated as a subject of health and welfare and not as one of police and justice. Possession of illicit drugs in small quantities for personal use should not be considered as a criminal offence."

- EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY ON DRUG TRAFFICKING, 1991

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25 years ago on the 24th of July 1967 a full page advertisement appeared in this newspaper calling for a reform of the law against marijuana. That advertisement was co-ordinated by SOMA.

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A leading psychiatrist reacts to Times articles on 'improvement' courses

Call for legislation to control seminars

BY RAY CLANCY

CONFRONTATION tactics and assertion training used in management and self-improvement courses can lead to serious mental illness, according to the leading psychiatrist in Britain treating people who have suffered breakdowns after attending

Betty Tylden, an honorary research fellow and consul-tant psychiatrist at University College and Middlesex Hospital Medical School, said yesterday: "There must be a tightening of legislation on recruiting under false pretences and obtaining money on false pretences. This would be a start.

Reacting to a series of arti-cles in The Times exposing the dangers of courses that use mind control techniques. Dr Tylden called for more research and a better understanding among health professionals of the treatment of people who have suffered on

these programmes. She is concerned about the number of programmes available and believes it is

using psychiatric techniques unless they are held under medical supervision. "It depends on the course.

In particular, confrontational tactics and assertion training need handling very carefully," she said. "If people are made to face themselves and part of the training involves someone examining their past, this is very dangerous." She has found that break-

down sessions, where people are taken to emotional limits, results in an obsessional illness. Subjects become ob-sessed with the ideas of the group, cannot get the ideas out of their mind and even suffer hallucinations. "This can be totally crippling. The people running these courses do not have psychiatric train-ing," said Dr Tylden.

In the last fortnight she has been examining how organisations persuade people to part with their money and has concluded that a change in the law is needed as a first step towards regulation. The sort of breakdown suffered by people after they have gone on the courses is unique and requires special treatment because the stresses they have been under often stretch back into their childhood and drag up painful

Someone who has been sexually abused or raped as a child can suffer serious psy-chiatric problems if that issue is brought out during an emotionally charged course. .

"People are becoming acutely mentally ill. This sort of breakdown is not clinically recognised here, yet it is in the United States. We need more research and a better under-standing among health pro-fessionals," added Dr Tylden. For a decade psychiatrists

in America have been giving warnings about business courses that use mind control techniques. Margaret Singer, a professor at the University of California, has treated people

style courses.

She said: "Many mental health professionals maintain

who have attended business-



Handle with care: Betty Tylden says mind control techniques can be dangerous

rience of their past dredged up and relived in a short period of time in some of

these training programmes." Marcia R. Rudin, who has

co-written Prison or Paradise: The New Religious Cults and is director of the Interna-

tional Cult Educational Pro-

gramme, warns that much of the dogma makes people feel

that mass mind therapy movements are extremely de-structive. Untrained session leaders can precipitate dangerous crises in emotionally charged sessions while sever-

al hundred people look on.
"Many people cannot stand the psychological pressure of having every bad and negative psychological expegood and think they are improving as human beings.
"But there is harm. It is quiet and pernicious. While cigar-

ette packages have warnings on them, New Age ideas and products do not. That's unfortunate because many of these beliefs and practices can be physically and psychologically harmful," she said.

Diary of libel case journalist 'fantasy'

THE South African journalist Jani Allan, who is suing for libel over a television pro-gramme that she says sug-gested she had an affair with neo-Nazi leader Eugene Terre Blanche, told the High Court in London yesterday that she had never had sex with anyone other than her ex-husband.

Miss Allan, 41, questioned by George Carman QC for Channel 4 Television, said she had a problem dealing with the "reality of the sexual experience". Pressed by Mr Carman on whether she had really not had sex with any man other than her husband, from whom she was divorced in 1984, Miss Allan said: "I find it surprising you find it so surprising. There are people who embrace celibacy."

Mr Carman said he would

be suggesting to the jury that Miss Allan was a "dangerous, accomplished liar". His ques-tions followed his production on Wednesday of a notebook in which Miss Allan had written sexually graphic details of an affair with an Italian air-line pilot. She told Mr Justice Pous and the jury that the entries were "fantasy", born of her traumatic state. Mr Carman said: "You deliberately, wickedly and desperately invented this story of fantasy to protect yourself from the consequences of per-jury." Miss Allan's counsel, Charles Gray QC, objected to the question before she had a chance to answer.

Miss Allan, who now lives at Wolsey Court, Hampton Court, Surrey, is suing Chan-nel 4 over the film The Leader, His Driver, and the Driver's Wife, which she claims portrayed her as a "lady of easy virtue" who slept with Mr Terre Blanche, leader of South Africa's extreme right-wing AWB party. Channel 4 says it never suggested an affair and argues that such an allegation, although never made, would be justified because Miss Allan did have an adulterous relationship

with Mr Terre Blanche. Miss Allan agreed that the notebook contained sexual details that read as though they had really happened. But it also read in part like a "Mills and Boon novel".

Mr Carman asked Miss Allan about her interview with Mr Terre Blanche, which appeared after her first meeting with him in January 1988. In it she referred to his "rich earth-brown voice". She went on: "Sometimes it has the loamy texture of a newly ploughed mealie field. Sometimes it's the caress of worn corduroy ... Right now I've got to remind myself to breathe. I'm impaled on the blue flames of his blow-torch

Mr Carman said her description suggested she was fascinated by Mr Terre Blanche. Miss Allan said that Peregrine Worsthorne, Charles Moore and Christopher Hope had written extensively about Mr Terre Blanche's voice. "Hope said it was a Stradivarius played with the master's touch. Charles Moore also referred to his piercing blue eyes. They are not accused of having a relationship with him." The case continues.

NEWS IN BRIEF Central heating

on CD Scientists as Hull University are using a compact disc recording of central heating noises in an experiment to find out if such noises are prime of sleepless nights.

Over the next year 36 volunteers will listen to CD to see how their sleep patterns see how their sleep patterns are affected. Scientists hope the results could be used to set European standards for central heating design and the maximum noise levels

systems can produce.

Dr Jake Empson, of the university's psychology de-partment, said: "It took a great deal of effort preparing the CD because it had to accurately reproduce the sounds of a central heating system."

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Officer freed

Terence O'Neill, 37, a prison officer held hostage by an inmate at Perth jail, was released unharmed after almost 13 hours. The prisoner, armed with what was described as a sharp instrument, gave himself up soon after.

Postman jailed A postman who stole cash from letters on their way to a church charity was jailed for 18 months by Reading Crown Court, James Malcolm. 55, of Horton. Berkshire, opened the envelopes, removed cash and sent the

Ex-priest's bail

Samuel Finbar Penney. 53, a former Roman Catholic priest, was remanded on bail yesterday after appearing in Learnington Spa Magistrates Court charged with six counts of indecent assault on five members of the same

Letter sold

A letter from Winston Churchill to Lord Wolseley. accepting a post with the 21st Lancers in 1898, was sold to an American bidder for £3,410 at an auction in Loughborough, Leicestershire. A cigar, given to his murse in 1961, sold for £236.

Mystery corpse A corpse found with its head and hands missing off the Isle of Wight last month will be buried within three months if it cannot be identified. Keith Chesterton, Isle of Wight coroner, gave per-mission for the body to be buried in an unnamed grave.

Pottery found

Archaeologists have earthed a Roman rubbish dump of third century glass and pottery outside Hilary Cool, of the that the find was rare because the Romans usually recycled glass.

Last roundup

Christopher Russell, a Blackpool donkeyman on bail on theft charges, no longer has to take his 14 donkeys with him when he reports daily to the police station. Instead of going morning and evening he can now attend on eyenings only, minus donkeys.

Savile gives cash for hospital food

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SIR Jimmy Savile has stepped in to provide paralysed patients at Stoke Mandeville Hospital with fresh food in place of re-heated hospital meals after allegations from hospital consultants that the patients were starving.

He has agreed to provide cash from his Jimmy Savile Trust, which supports the hospital, to buy new kitchen equipment and install a chef for the 120-bed spinal injuries unit to improve the quality and variety of the

The Times reported on Monday claims by Dr John Silver, a consultant in spinal injuries, that the lack of an appetising diet for spinal patients was leading to malnutrition. Other consultants have also expressed concern that, because the patients are confined to bed for months, they need greater variety in their diet.

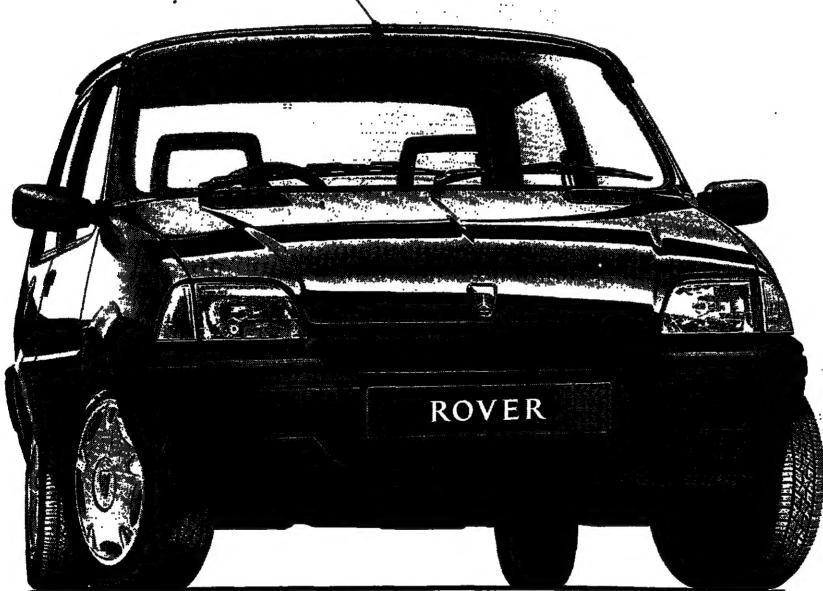
At present, patients eat food prepared in Wales by the "cook-chill" method, which is reheated at the hospital. Sir Jimmy's assistant, Janet Rowe, said: "Jim was concerned about the

food, which is not very good. Many of our patients are with us for eight or nine months. Would you like to eat what amounts to aircraft food for that length of time? We simply want to improve what they are eating by giving their meals more variety and improving the numi-

Ken Cunningham, gener al manager of the hospital. said The Times report had provoked local publicity, and concern had been expressed at high levels in the health service. He said the scheme to provide fresh food had been planned for more than a year and negotiations were under way with several caterers.

These patients are in hospital for a long time and we need to be more inventive with their food," he said. The decision is not an indictment of the catering service but a recognition that the needs of these patients are different. They are mostly young adults who are not diseased and have healthy appetites." He said the cost would be tens of thousands of pounds.

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Long knives are out for Quayle as Bush campaign falters

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

WEEKS of pent-up Republi- thought I was burting the can frustration and discontent over the way President Bush's re-election campaign is being handled have burst to the surface. With anxiety increasing in the party about the president's dismal standing in the opinion polls, several Republican senators called raphicly personant for the president of the president of the president for the presiden publicly yesterday for Dan Quayle to be dumped as his running mate.

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Conservative Republicans rallied to Mr Quayle's defence and urged Mr Bush to dismiss Nicholas Brady, his trea-sury secretary, and Richard Darman, his budget director, who are blamed in large part for America's poor economic

performance.

Despite President Bush's clear denial before a cabinet meeting on Wednesday of any intention of offloading Mr Quayle, the possibility of the vice-presient being drop-ped was still being discussed at the highest levels of the party yesterday.

Late on Wednesday night. Mr Quayle fought back, telling a television interviewer that he had the complete confidence of the president, adding: "Believe me, if I

ticket, I'd be gone." He did not help his cause, however, and laid himself open to charges of hypocrisy by saying in the same CNN interview that if his teenage daughter came home preg-nant and wanted an abortion. he would support her. Mr Quayle, who advocates the Republican anti-abortion line, said: "I would counsel her and talk to her and support her on whatever decision she made."

The level of discontent with the Bush-Quayle campaign was on display in the Senate building throughout Wednes-day and yesterday. At meet-ings of two groups of Republican senators there were spirited discussions on what needed to be done to get the campaign back on track. In the moderate Wednes-

day Chrb, most of the 15 or so participants said they believed the vice-president should be dropped and replaced by either Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, or Jack Kemp, the housing secretary. The conservative Republican steering committee, treated



paign adviser who was asked to attend, as a dartboard, Senator Robert Kasten said, adding: "There were complaints about the chaos in the White House and the disarray in the campaign from almost everyone." In an explosive

speech to the Wednesday he is spending all his time on Club. Senator Alfonse the golf course or his boat." he D'Amato also focused his attack on the president. He criticised Mr Bush for spending too much time at his holiday home in Kennebun-

the golf course or his boat," he said. "There is no Bush campaign now. We have to make changes, get rid of Darman and Brady, and get bold, decisive leadership." tion is being taken out on Mr Quayle, conservatives argue that the vice-president is not the problem and that he has become a lightning rod for those in the party who are disgruntled at the way the

director, said: "Quayle was there when Bush's approval rate was 85 per cent. The problem is it is not clear what the president's plan is to make highly influential conservative and a founder of directmail campaigning, accused party moderates of using Mr Quayle as a scapegoat. "Bush has a Bush problem." he said. "His troubles are a direct result of his failed economic

Bush campaign aides clear-ly hoped yesterday that the present ugly bout of party infighting will stop once James Baker, the Secretary of State, takes over Mr Bush's reelection effort. Despite White evasions, senior Bush aides confirmed yesterday that Mr Baker would take command of the Bush-Quayle '92 campaign about the time of the party's Houston convention next month.

There was further dismal news for the Republicans in opinion polls yesterday. According to an Associated Press poll. Americans are far more willing to entrust their future to the Democrats. Although the survey did not ask respondents to specify a pref-erence for President Bush or Bill Clinton, the Democratic candidate, it did show that 56 per cent favoured the Democrats to only 26 per cent the

Escobar's escape leaves ties with America in tatters

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AS COLOMBIAN security forces stepped up their search in the mountains for Pablo Escobar last night in a seemingly futile effort to recapture the world's most netorious drug dealer, relations between Colombia and America hit a dreds of Colombian soldiers new low and media calls for a surrounded the tunnel and military offensive against the drug cartels took on a fresh

From the point of view of many within the American administration, Escobar is no longer simply a drug baron, but a hostile head of a state within a state, dedicated to undermining American interests, ruthless, calculating and fantastically wealthy.

Escobar wrong-footed both the American and Colombian administrations with consummate style. On Tuesday night, a government delegation, ac-companied by 400 soldiers and possibly some US antidrug agents, marched into the Envigado ranch house that Escobar had chosen as his prison and attempted to transfer him to a military jail. He did not want to go. Escobar. and his henchmen promptly "overpowered" their guards, took four government officials hostage, and began a gun battle that left six people dead.

Colombian commandos attacked at dawn and the hostages escaped while Escobar and nine other leaders of the



Escobar: continued his business from prison

US to sign

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Medellin drug cartel apparently slipped into a tunnel beneath the ranch house compound. In a scene that was reminiscent of the closing moments in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, hunwaited until the drug lords gave themselves up.

Escobar called a Colombian radio station on his cellular telephone to say that he would fight to the death. By the time the army got around to searching the tunnel, and pronounced it empty, Escobar was miles away.

Escobar's escape would be amusing, if it were not ultimately such a tragedy for the people of Colombia, current and potential drug addicts the world over, and for the rule of law, international and Colombian. The Medellin cartel has already killed hundreds through acts of terrorism, and thousands more with cocaine.

Envigado ranch proved a most convenient place to do business from - close to Escobar's Medellin headquarters, protected by guards almost certainly in the pay of the cartel (26 have now been arrested), and already complete with, escape routes. Escobar has actually increased his control over the Medellin cartel from prison, wiping out 22 opponents in the past month. No wonder he did not want to be moved.

The Colombian and American governments fell for a patter they desperately wanted to believe. When Escobar surrendered in June last year, the Colombian constitution was revised, despite objections from Washington, to forbid the extradition of the drugtraffickers to America. Extradition is now informally off, and there is speculation that Washington has already laid plans to capture Escobar and ship him to the United States, if he can be found.

Escobar has already been indicted in Florida.

Surrogacy for profit is banned

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE United States agreed yesterday to sign the proposed global chemical weapons ban convention, despite strong reservations about some of the "watered-down" clauses in the draft treaty.

American approval raised hopes that the treaty, which has taken 24 years of negotiation, will be signed later this year or early next year. Fifty countries have already indicated their willingness to sign.

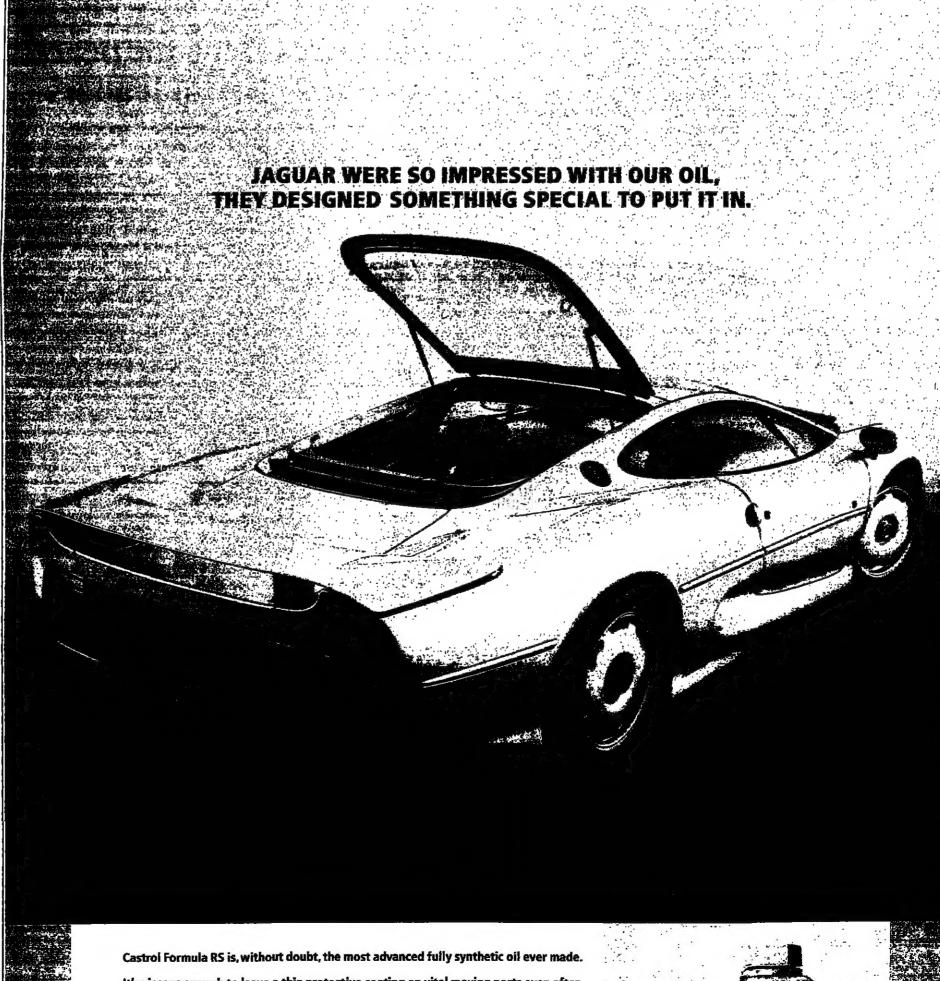
Stephen Ledogar, the US ambassador to the 39-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, said: "Our decision was not reached easily. In many important respects, US preferred positions have been substantially watered down or are completely absent." The convention will ban production, storage and use of chemical arms. Countries will be

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ALBANY, NEW YORK

MARIO Cuomo, the governor of New York, signed legisla-tion yesterday banning surrogate parenting for profit in New York state, where an estimated 40 per cent of all such American parenting deals are arranged.

The ban takes effect in a year's time. It was approved by the state legislature last month under pressure from an unusual coalition that included the liberal National Organisation for Women and the New York State Roman Catholic Conference. Under the law. New Yorkers would be allowed to act as surrogate parents for friends or relatives, but could not sign a contract or receive a fee for the service Neither could

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Saddam faces West's ultimatum over access to UN team

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS THE Western powers contum to Iraq, the chief United Nations weapons inspector issued a warning yesterday that the showdown over President Saddam Hussein's refusal to allow a UN team into the agriculture ministry was rap-

dly entering the end-game. Rolf Ekeus, the head of the UN special commission charged with destroying Iraq's most dangerous weapons under the UN resolutions that ended the Gulf war, said on American relevision that the 70 UN inspectors in Iraq were being severely harassed. "Our people are really in a difficult ituation, but they are very courageous and hang on. But that means that they are coming very quickly to an end-

A team of UN weapons inspectors was forced to retreat from outside the agriculture ministry in Baghdad on Wednesday because of the harassment after mounting an 18-

the Egyptian government

approval of a Unesco plan

for conserving and develop-

ing the Pyramids plateau at

Giza, which is claimed as the

world's richest archaeologi-

cal site housing the Sphinx

Under the blueprint to be

implemented from October,

the area around the famous

pharaonic monuments will

be barred to all tourist vehi-

cles and to what the semi-

official daily al-Ahram

termed "any mechanical,

human or construction activ-

ity inside what is going to be

the feel of ancient Egypt, all

tarmac roads in the desig-

nated area will be ripped up

and replaced by thorough-

fares of sand similar to those

existing at the time of the

pharaohs over 4,500 years

ago. Access for private cars

and buses will be restricted to

a new circular road to be

built around the

pedestrianised plateau, well

away from the treasures that

have been suffering heavily from pollution in recent

vears and are already the

subject of costly preservation

The scheme, al-Ahram

said, given the go-ahead by

minister, would also involve

the removal of "any old

accumulations and build-

ings" that had been con-

structed previously inside the

area which has been turned

into something of a burden

PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

In order to try to

a closed area".

as well as the Pyramids.

access to the building. Diplomats at the United Nations said that Britain, France and the United States were considering delivering an ultimatum to Iraq to allow action. No decision is likely until James Baker, the American Secretary of State, returns

to Washington early next week, they said. Mr Baker met King Fahd of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh yesterday to seek Saudi support for military action against Iraq. He is due to see Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at the weekend.

In Washington, it emerged that a meeting of senior Bush administration officials charged with reviewing the final options for a punitive bombing strike against Iraq was cancelled on Tuesday after doubts were raised in the Pentagon about using military action to force Saddam to comply with the UN resolu-tions. Richard Cheney, the

persistent hawkers. The plan

has been resisted bitterly by

the mafia-like Egyptian families who live in villages near

the plateau on the outskirts

of Cairo and have long made

a living from the thousands

of tourists. In an effort to

minimise resistance on the

ground and to cut through

Egypt's notorious red tape,

the minister has appointed a

team of experts whose job is

to see that the scheme is

At present, tourist buses

are able to cruise within a

few yards of the crumbling

Sphinx, creating severe

problems with vibration and

exhaust furnes. The hawkers

have added an atmosphere

of frenetic and tacky com-

mercialism that many for-

have deplored publicly.

eign and Egyptian visitors

In addition to the central

concept of the ring road and

a closed, vehicle-free zone,

the Unesco plan also in-volves the setting up of three

self-styled "cultural centres"

in the area. Antiquities offici-

als said that the first would

be built at the entrance to the

historic Mena House Hotel

and, as well as narrating facts about the Pyramids

and their history, it would be used to sell books and copies

The second, a little farther

away, would tell the history

and story of the construction

of the three Giza Pyramids.

The third, which would be

visited last under the new arrangements, would deal with the Sphinx

PROPOSED RING ROAD

of antiquities.

implemented quickly.

Cairo backs strategy

to save Pyramids

from traffic threat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

AFTER years of controversy, for tourists by hordes of

yesterday

al Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have questioned how effective a bombing strike would be in disciplining the Iraqi dictator. A paper written by a deputy assistant secretary in the Pen-tagon and circulated this week is said to have made a convinc-ing case against the usefulness of a punitive strike. It says an allied bombing raid would be fraught with risks if it was not focused and had a clear objec-tive other than just to make the allies feel good. White House aides say there

is a strong sense of caution in the administration and a rec-ognition that bombing Baghdad may not help President Bush's re-election chances. There is a clear danger of action being seen as an election ploy, as an effort to improve the president's polit-ical position here in America," an aide said. "If we bomb Baghdad, Saddam will still be left in power and that might

Nonetheless, yesterday the Pentagon cancelled port visits for four warships in the Mediterranean. Pentagon officials declined to say last night whether the ships, which include the USS Saratoga, an aircraft carrier, have been alerted for possible action.

In Paris, Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said the French delegation at the United Nations was under instructions to begin work with France's allies on an ultimatum. "There is no reason to let things carry on as they are; everything says Iraq should give way and obey UN orders," M Dumas said.

Iraq, however, shrugged off the latest veiled threats of Western military action. Tario Aziz, the deputy prime minis-ter, said in Baghdad that Iraq would not compromise with the United Nations. He repeated Iraqi accusations that some members of the UN inspection teams were spies. "Our problem is not with the security council, but with three imperialist countries control-

Western military experts believe that Saddam is taking a deliberate gamble that any American-inspired attack now would boost his position do-mestically and raise Iraq's standing in the Arab world Since the war, Saddam has always pulled back from the brink in this sort of incident," one senior European envoy said. "The hope is that he will do so again, but, given the

ling the council, meaning

man's mentality, that cannot be guaranteed." One of the few Western reporters now permitted in Baghdad said that although there were no obvious signs of war preparations, prices of consumer goods had jumped almost 20 per cent since the stand-off began on July 5 and Irao's currency had plunged against the US dollar since then on the thriving black



Rabin offers hope for peace, Baker tells Beirut leaders

From Ali Jaber in beirut and Richard Beeston in jerusalem

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, in a first visit by a high-level US official to Lebanon in nine years, said during talks with leaders in Beirut yesterday that there were fresh opportunities for peace in the Middle East with the emergence of a new government in Israel.

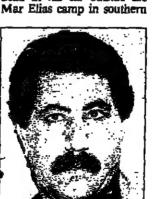
Mr Baker, ending a seven-year embargo which the American administration in posed on visits to Lebanon by Americans, travelled to eastern Lebanon by land from Damascus and met President Hrawi, Rashid al-Solh, the prime minister, and Fares

Boueiz, the foreign minister. After the talks. Mr Baker said that the present time "was important for the area and for the peace process which Lebanon was committed to". He said that he believed there were new possibilities for peace after the new government took power in Israel. "We have discussed this with the two presidents and the minister and we discussed the US desire to end the agony of Lebarion." He emphasised that America was committed to Lebanon's independence

and sovereignty. Mr Baker said that the issue of holding parliamentary elections in Lebanon next month was up to the Lebanese government, but said the pollshould be democratic and free of terror and oppression.

As Mr Baker's talks progressed. Watid Khaled, an aide of Abu Nidal, the dissident Palestinian guerrilla leader, was shot dead at a Beirut refugee camp. His death was another in a series of murders that have targeted Palestine Liberation Organisanon officials in Lebanon and Europe.

Mr Khaled, a spokesman for the Al-Fatah Revolutionary Council, the Palestinian dissident faction, which opposes the leadership of Yassir Arafat. the PLO chairman, was found dead in his car outside the



Beirut. The identity of his murderers was not known, but a council statement accused "the traitor Arafat" of engi-

neering the killing. Hours before Mr Khaled was killed, Israeli fighter jess blasted positions of Hez-bollah, the pro-Iranian Mus-lim guerrilla group, in southern Lebanon in eight sorties. At least two people were injured. The notice said that the raids were launched by four warplanes and targeted 13 Hezbollah bases in the Iolim Toufah region, southeast of Sidon.

In Jerusalem, the administration of Yitzhak Rabin took further action against the con-struction of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories when it cancelled housing contracts for several thousand new homes. However, the new government also announced hat more than 10,000 other housing units would be completed. Palestinian leaders and left-wing Israelis have been demanding a total freeze on settlements. In the occupied West Bank,

Palestinians reported that Israeli undercover forces had shot dead Mahmoud Abu Hassan, commander of the Black Panther guerrillas in Jenin, one of the most wanted

ANC outlines week of action to end rule by de Klerk

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's course is ween the forces of law and order, the whites-only government, and the mainly white business community on one hand, and the mass movement of blacks seeking to end three centuries of white

Jay Naidoo, general secre-tary of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions (Cosatri), whose members will be in the forefront of the intensification of the mass action campaign next week, said: "Our aim is to bring this government to its knees, to force it to the negotiating

Chris Hani, former chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress, who is now general secretary of the South African Communist Party, was more forthright. "Our aim is to get rid of the de Klerk government," he said. Between them at a press

conference in Johannesburg esterday was Cyril Ramaphosa, the secretary-general of the African National Congress. The conference was called to mark the failure of negotiations in which Cosata and employers' organisations had tried to agree a way to prevent the 24 boar saundown of all economic activity.

Outlining the battle plan of the ANC and its allies, Mr. Ramaphosa said bear would be a complete withorawal of labour of the ANC and its allies.

labour on Monday and Tuesday, with marches and pickets. On Wednesday there would be city and town demonstrations, occupations and marches. Thursday and Friday's actions would be at local level.

At assessment meetings the Saturday, the anti-govern-ment alliance would consider what had been acinieved, and on Sunday there would be a day of prayer and a celeta-tion of Women's Day.

President de Klerk and his

cabinet have retired to Elisias in the far northern Transvaal for a bosberada (bush council) of the sort called by Bos leaders during the Boen beer.
The council is to consider what
the response should be to the demands of the ANC for early

Cyrus Vance, the special epresentative of the United Nations secretary general who has been sent to South Africa to prepare a report on how best to stop the violence and restart constitutional negotia-

tions, yesterday met leaders of the ANC, the Pan Africanist Congress and the Inkarka Freedom Party.

Harare Zimbabwe's saing gling political opposition has created an alliance to challenge President Mugabe's religion 2 and IPD Congress the new testing January IPD Congre ing Zanu (PF) party at the next election (Jan Raath writes). But most of the opposition leaders are elderly veterans of the pre-independence campaign against white rule and regarded as unlikely to find

enough support.
"We can, and we will, defeat
the government," said the Rev
Ndabaningi Simole, 72, leader of the Zanu (Ndonga) party
who returned in January from

eight years of self-exile. "That is the mood of the people.

The as yet unnamed alliance was founded at a meeting on Wednesday that drew together Mr Sithole's party. which is based largely on tribal support: representation of the United African National Council, which ruled the coun-try for ten months during an unrecognised "internal settle-ment" in 1979; the Zimbabwe Unity Movement, headed by Edgar Tekere, the former secretary general of the ruling party; and the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe, the descendant of the Rhodesian Front of Ian Smith, the former

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prime minister.

The meeting was chaired by
Mr Smith, 73, who said yesterday that his political career was over and his presence was as an impartial, broker. "We need a new government and we need a strong opposition," he said.

Mr Sithole said that the

performance of Zanu (PF) over 12 years of independence had been characterised by "corruption, nepotism, fraud

Lebanon mourns Franjieh

The former Lebanese presi-dent, Sulsiman Franjieh, 82, Syria's Staunchest Christian ally in Lebanon, has died of score presimonia with heart and storillach complications, a statement from the American University Medical Centre said in Benru. He was one of the last ressaining feudal lords who for years fuelled the grinding civil war in Lebanon.

His coffin was taken to his home town. Zghortz in north-em Lebenou. He will be binieli in a formal fimeral The Lebanese government an-nounced a seven-day mourn-ing period disting which flags

Frank Paul Jones, 33, already accessed of stalking the singer fanct: Jackson, has been charged in Los Angeles with sending letters containing death threats against her and to her brother Michael Jackson and President Bush.

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The Rev Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church will hold its largest mass wedding so far, with 20,000 couples participating, as the centrepiece of a culture and sports festival next month in South Korea, a spokesman said in Seoul. The Party of the last of the l

Marion Brando has bought a £400,000 home in the San Fernando Valley, owned by the actress Kristy McNichol, fee an unraned friend, the Los Angeles Times said.

The Followines supreme tourt has suspended Imelda Marcos's chief lawyer, Antigence" and barred him from epresenting the former first lady and any other client in court for six months.

Vladimir Lenin, the founder of the Soviet state, is so unpopular in post-Commu-nist Ukraine that 16 actors declined to play him in a new five-part film before the role was filled, a local newspaper

The Pope has recovered so well from surgery to remove an intestinal tumour that he may be able to leave hospital early next week, a doctor said in Rome

Pain weighs down sumo hopefuls on path to stardom

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE life of Japan's sumo champions may look exciting to outsiders. Apart from the occasional split-second clashes in the ring, they divide their yen sponsorship deals and brushing off the attentions of adoring female fans.

They waddle around in their outsize Armani suits, are lionised on television, and are encouraged to indulge in bouts of astonishing intem-perance and gluttony. But the route to sumo success has recently become considerably more painful in this, Japan's last bastion of military discipline, young sumo cadets are force-fed. endurance-tested and bludgeoned into fighting

machines. Only one in 300 can expect to make the grade and one of the first hurdles is the height and weight test before each tournament.

mum height of 1.73 metres (5ft 6in) and a minimum weight of 75kg (11st 7lb). This has become an ordeal since a few of the less reputable sumo "stables" have taken to hoodwinking the Sumo Association and falsifying their young fighters' vital statistics. Before this year's Nagoya tournament, a 16-year-old

wrestler, falling 3cm (1.2in) short of his height requirement, underwent three hours of surgery to have silicone injected into the top of his

skull. The hump on his head got him through the test and into the ring where a more lumpish rival made short shrift of him. His disgraced "stable master" has since claimed that the silicone has been removed without trace. The silicone injection, according to the weekly magazine Shukan Hoseki, has this year replaced the traditional but less dependable ruse which involved repeatedly whacking the unfortunate teenager on the head with a large wooden club until the bump swelled to

3cm in height.
Diminutive sumo cadets
are now faced with the choice of enduring a painful and potentially dangerous silicone

implant or becoming the sta-ble's also-runs. Promising marvel at speed-drinking youngsters who believe that they will grow taller by hang-ing themselves from parallel bars for nine bours before their height test find themselves removed from the champion-material class. But those who choose the option of lying on the floor for days on end, in the bope of putting on a few inches, are unceremoniously dismissed as soft

Not all 14-year-olds find it easy to tip the scales at 11st.

7lb. The solution among the
most unscrupulous stables is to force the wrestlers to drink vast quantities of water before staggering onto the

marvel at speed drinking sumo-style. The hapless youngster begins by drinking jug after jug of water, tossing them back as if drinking out of a thinking like the 12th or of a thimble. By the 18th or 19th jug, he is beginning to gasp, by the 23th his colleagues give him a tender leagues give him a hand by pouring it into his mouth and by the 30th, he can only shake his head in submission.

Panting and with tears in his eyes, he wobbles uncertamly into the test room and eases himself giogedy onto the scales. If he is lucky he is certified quickly and rewarded with sweet relief next door.
But if he is unlocky, the consequences can be serious.

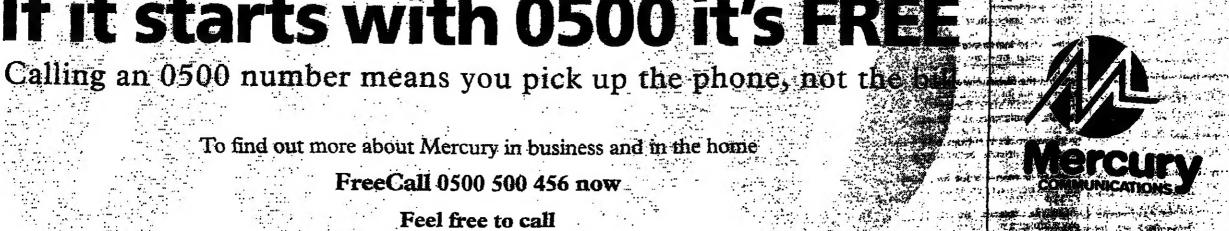
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Town that inspired Godfather films turns against the mob



Falcone: teachers staged

IN AN unexpected sequel to the Godfather films, the popu-lar revolt against the Mafia in Sicily is winning recruits in the home town of the Corliconesi family, Cosa Nostra's most feared clan.

Corleone, a natural fortress in the rugged mountains of Sicily's interior 60 miles from Palermo, has for generations been synonymous with in-dominable Mafia power. It was the birthplace and occa-sional home of such "men of honour" as Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the leader of Cosa Nostra in Sicily who has been on the run for nearly 30 years. and Bernardo Provenzano. another don at large who is believed to belong to the cupola (dome) of Sicilian Ma-

Police say Signor Riina, 62,

The home of a top "family" is in the vanguard of resistance to the Mafia, John Phillips reports from Corleone

is suspected of ordering the assassinations on May 23 and last Sunday of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, two campaigning anti-Mafia judges. Signor Provenzano's wife Saveria, 47, emerged from hiding in April and set up home in the town with her

The history of Corleone is believed to have inspired Mario Puzzo, the author, and the Sicilian scenes in the Godfather films. Corleonesi such as Vito Ciancimino, a Christian Democrat who went on to become mayor of Paler-

mo but was subsequently convicted on corruption charges, had been key figures in the traditional links between the Mafia and political parties.

In the past two years, how-ever, hundreds of Corleone's 12,000 inhabitants have become prominent in resistance to the mob and its code of silence that is sweeping the island. Sicilians were sur-prised on Wednesday when the Corleone parish church held a special mass to commemorate Borsellino's death. Afterwards the congregation of 300 staged a torchlight

streets. Last month 800 Corleone school pupils and 40 teachers held a spontaneous demonstration against Signor Falcone's killing.

Rete (network), the new anti-Mafia party, has 40 paidup members in the town and won 500 votes in Corleone in the April general election. Città Nuove, an anti-Mafia newspaper, was founded two years ago with a staff of 30 volunteers and sells 2,000

"Condemning the Mafiosi in Milan, Rome and Palermo is relatively easy," said Dino Paternoster, an independent opposition councillor. "But in Corleone, where everyone knows everyone else, it is an achievement. A process of

the town has fuelled discontent with the local police. Three hundred police and soldiers were said to have been deployed in the area on Wednesday in what authorities described as the biggest search for latitanti (criminals on the run) in the town for 30 years. But the only sign of the operation was a roadblock manned by two bored officers

occasionally asking drivers for

Local people believe the fugitives frequently return to the town. "It is impossible that Riina has been on the run for 30 years and never comes to Corleone," said Giovanni Perone, a schoolteacher. "I went to school with his wife Antonietta. It's impossible that she doesn't come here. I

the carabinieri used to make searches in the country. They would return laden with gifts

Inside the Corleone police station, overweight officers sat smoking in the midday heat next to a noticeboard covered with photographs of wanted gangsters. Asked why his men repeatedly failed to make arrests, a young inspector from the mainland shrugs and refers to his Palermo superiors. On Wednesday the govern-ment responded to criticism of the Sicilian police by replacing Vito Plantone, the Palermo commander, with Matteo Cinque, a veteran Neopolitan crime-buster.

The last police photograph of Signor Riina on file is 30 years old. A group of Corleone

pensioners in flat caps gathered at a bar, recalled their erstwhile school chum but gave no clues to his whereabouts. "I knew him when he was a little boy," one patriarch said. "But who could recognise him now?"

Corleone teachers have been in the frontline against organised crime. Christmas educational authorities asked all Corleone school pupils to write letters to the men of the Mafia. One class of nine and ten-year-olds wrote: "We want to tell you, maliosi, that tomorrow many of us children who attend primary school here in Corleone will be magistrates and journalists, policemen and teachers. We will try to use the powers at our disposal to defeat violence and death."

UN pressed by Britain to accept Bosnia pact

By James Bone and Adam LeBor

BRITAIN asked members of the United Nations Security Council yesterday to force Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, to accept last week's London peace accord on Bosnia-Herzeg-

British diplomats circulated a draft resolution reaffirming the security council's support for the accord, despite Dr Boutros Ghali's objection that it was "not realistic" to expect the UN to monitor heavy weapons in the former Yugoslav republic.It explicitly asks the secretary-general to start drawing up detailed plans to put the heavy weapons under UN supervision as soon as a ceasefire takes hold, and approves in principle a proposal to send 1,100 more UN peacekeepers to undertake the

The resolution is expected to be adopted today, and Dr Bourros-Ghali will have to comply because the secretary-general is the "servant of the

Flying into

Dantesque

landscape

FROM ADAM LIBOR

THE Croatian coast stretched

out 17,000st beneath us, a

jagged tear of rocks and

mountains set in a glistening sea. From the inside of the

German air force C160 trans-

port plane it looked as though

we were flying into paradise

but an hour later we touched

Relief flight 274 from Za-greb loaded with over 10

tonnes of food — corned beef and cooking oil — hugged the

down in Dante's inferno.

navigator, Kurt Altmeyer.

Sarajevo airport is not a place to linger. UN soldiers request identification as soon

as one steps onto the tarmac.

The airport has been attacked

twice this week. Spent car-

tridge cases litter the terminal

buildings and glass covers the

But the most hazardous part

is yet to come. The road into town runs past Dobrinja, site

of the heaviest fighting. Our whice races along the exit road before we pass the last Serb checkpoint before going through the first joint Croat-Muslim checkpoint. This is

Muslim checkpoint. This is

Murder Mile, where sharp-

Yet incredibly even here a

semblance of normal life con-

tinues. A woman, smartly

turned out in patterned skirt

and green top, clutches her handbag and picks her way

carefully among the houses. A

bus picks up passengers and pedestrians mill about the few

But the signs of destruction

are everywhere: buildings are peppered with bullet and shell holes and mangled heaps of

iron that were once cars lie at

odd angles, slewed across the

The graffiti on the route into

town from the airport says it

all: "Welcome to hell."

shops still open.

shooters target any car.

floors. The control tower is

boarded up.

council".Britain's unusuai challenge to the personal authority of the secretary-general followed an hour-long meet-ing on Wednesday night between Dr Boutros Ghali and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and current chairman of the European Community's Council of Ministers. They discussed the secretary-general's objections to the EC-brokered peace accord, with Dr Boutros Ghali repeating his concerns that the United Nations was already

stretched to the limit. But Mr Hurd left little doubt afterwards of the importance that the EC attaches to the UN role in monitoring heavy weapons as requested by the three warring factions in Bosnia-Henzegovina. That problem of the heavy weapons in Bosnia is clearly a key — I would say the key — to a successful peace there," Mr Hurd said.

He added that BoutrosGhali did not believe the UN was unable to supervise the heavy weaponry, but was concerned about balanc-ing the conflicting demands parts of the world.

British sources said that the secretary-general would do as he was told to do.

The British draft would approve the monitoring plan drawn up by the UN force commander in the former Yugoslav republics, despite a warning by Dr Boutros Ghali that it would take at least three months to put into e flect.It also states, however, that the security council recognises that conditions do not yet permit the deployment of UN "blue helmets" to monitor the heavy weaponry. It asks the secretary-general to prepare for the monitoring operation and to notify the council when it becomes possible, at which time council members will approve the dispatch of the new peacekeeping troops.

coast until we reached the Bosnian border. We banked sharply, descended to 13,000ft, and cruised steadily in Sarajevo, at least five people were killed and 40 wounded yesterday, in what until Sarajevo airport came into view.

The flight by "Sarajevo Alrlines", as the relief effort has been dubbed, was about to was a quiet day for the Bosnian capital. The injured included three members of a CNN television camera crew. touch down. "The only differ-Those killed had been waiting ence between this and a norfor food aid in the Bosnian controlled suburb of Hrasnitza when a mortar mal relief flight is that we have to wear flak jackets," said the landed at an aid distribution

> A total of 31 people have been killed and over 160 wounded in Bosnia in the past 24 hours, according to the crisis committee for health.

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Castro attacked over refusal | Disney magic leaves | INEWS IN BRIEF to hold democratic elections

PRESIDENT Castro's refusal to hold democratic elections came under fire yesterday on the opening day of the Ma-drid summit of Ibero-American nations, composed of Latin America, Spain and

Portugal President Menem of Argenting declared that Latin America can only resolve its age-old problems of poverty and under-development through democracy. "Nothing can be achieved outside the margins of democracy and liberty," he said. Without breaking protocol by naming Cuba specifically, he was clearly directing his words at Dr Castro's one-party communist rule. "The abso-hite respect for electoral pro-cesses is the only form of democracy," he said. The Cuban leader, wearing

a military uniform, listened to the speech impassively and waited his turn as each leader made their opening remarks to the two-day summit during a round table of heads of government. Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, called for an end to unspeci-fied "authoritarianism" and "political prisoners", in what was also a clear reference to the presence of both in Cuba.

Summiteers are focusing on Cuba's political ills, writes **David Adams** from Madrid

that can threaten the stability of some countries," he said in another thinly veiled comment on the precarious political situation of Cuba and its antagonism with America. Despite the collapse of com-

munism, President Castro still manages to make his presence felt. To his enemies, who include members of his own family, he is a tyrant. To his friends he is an everlasting symbol of revolutionary independence. But to those simply faced with hosting him, Dr Castro's security apparatus represents one of the world's great protocol headaches

wherever he travels. Late into the night on Wednesday hundreds of Madrid police and civil guards were kept waiting for Dr Castro's arrival from Cuba for the Ibero-American summit. Nobody knew when he would arrive, not even his Spanish hosts, including Javier Solana,

the foreign minister, who was waiting to greet him. Using three Cuban Air jets, one flying decoy. Dr Castro

finally showed up at Madrid airport at 1 am. He stepped from the plane in customary olive green military uniform, accompanied by 50 well armed personal security guards. A crowd of journalists were

waiting expectantly for a few words from Dr Castro on his first official visit to the country where his father was born. But protocol was disrupted by two reporters, including a ponytailed Argentinian closely resembling Che Guevara, the dead Cuban revolutionary hero, began chanting: "Fidel, Fidel." This prompted a group of Miami-based Cuban exile journalists not noted for their cool temperament, to respond with anti-Castro insults, in-

cluding shouts of "Coward". Somewhat in contrast to his preferred austerity, the Spanish government has installed Dr Castro at the Madrid Ritz under tight security. But his breakfast at the Ritz may have been spoiled by the Madrid morning newspapers which included an open letter from his exiled sister Juanita in Mexico advising him to step down gracefully from power.

the French cold as firm's shares fall

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THOSE intellectuals who thought the coming of Mickey Mouse spelt doom for French culture should have had more faith in their countrymen. Euro Disneyland said yesterday that it expected to lose money this year, mainly because the French were failing to turn up in the expected numbers.

Since the opening on April 12, only a million of the 3.6 million visitors to the theme park, in Marne la Vallée, on the eastern edge of Paris, have been French. The next largest groups were the British and then the Germans. "All the French who have come to see it have liked it," Nicolas de Schonen, the Disney spokesman, said in explaining why the company had revised its prediction of profitability in

the year ending in September. The French had been expected to make up half the customers at the 29 attractions. It now appeared, however, that many French were delaying their first visit until after the heavy tourist season, M de Schonen said. The Disney statement,

er, confirmed rumours that Europe's biggest theme park, which opened to an immense fanfare coupled with scorn from the arbiters of French culture, was not living up to its own high expectations. The park has clearly suffered from chauvinist sniping in the media against what is seen as an outpost of America in the lle de France. It was also not helped when farmers protesting against agricultural policies singled it out in June as a symbol of the enemy presence and blockaded it for a

which drove share prices low-

morning. Left-wing newspapers have been reporting every hint that all is not well in the magic kingdom. The sniping contin-ued yesterday with an article in the conservative *Le Figaro* contrasting Disneyland with the sturdy Gallic virtues of the Asterix theme park in the Paris suburbs. One worker there was quoted as saying that everyone knew that "not a mouse is stirring" Disneyland.

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he arrived in Sakhalin in

1946. But, like many of

Sakhalin's older generation.

his parents were repressed for political deviance under Stalin and what he really

craves is order and the fleet-

ing plenty he associates with

Kohl says Honecker back soon

Bonn: Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, could well be returned to Germany from Russia soon, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor. said. He would not say exactly when, but confirmed that talks were going on in Moscow which will possibly resolve the problem in the near future" (lan Murray writes).

The ADN east German news agency, however, reported from Moscow that Herr Honecker could be back in Germany this weekend. The sticking point appears to concern the conditions under which he is handed over.

Jail escape

Orbe, Switzerland: Hussein Hariri, a Lebanese Muslim extremist serving a life sentence for hijacking an Air Afrique airliner and killing a French passenger in 1987, escaped from a high-security jail, police said. (AP)

Gender swap

Peking: Chinese surgeons have performed what is believed to have been the world's first direct sex-swap operation. during which a woman, 22, received the testicles of a man, 30, who in turn received her

ovaries. (Reuter) Land of sloth

Sydney: Australia is a land of sun, surf and sloths, according to the results of a national fitness survey. The government survey found that 50 per cent of Australians were physically inactive or seldom took exercise. (Reuter)

Rebels accused

Phnom Penh: Yasushi Akashi, the head of United Nations peacekeepers in Cam-bodia accused Khmer Rouge guerrillas of "a deliberate poli-cy of terror" in the areas of the country which they control. (Reuter)

Sex arrests

Dhaka: Police in Bangladesh arrested more than 100 female beauticians for giving body massage to male clients in a campaign against an underground sex business.

Russia's 'wild east' spawns host of winners and losers

IN YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK

THE Russian Far East has ahandoned the egalitarian ideals of Soviet communism probably more quickly than any other region of Russia outside Moscow. On Sakhalin, in the extreme "wild east", social divisions are highly visible, and often cruel.

Vladimir Dotsenko is one of Russia's new go-getters. Tall, with slightly mournful eyes and the standard doublebreasted suit of Russia's coming business class, Mr Dotsenko is chairman of the Sakhalin fisheries exchange. He was formerly a lecturer in economics at one of Moscow's more privileged institutes. He set up the exchange nine months ago, after "feel-

ing the urge" to try his hand as an entrepreneur.
There was no future in Moscow," he said from be-

"We are aware of our limita-tions and also of the dangers

hind his executive desk in the Sakhalin trade centre. "Everything was grinding to a halt. There has to be a better future here. Just look at where we are: Japan, Korea, China, all on our doorstep."

Mr Dotsenko's exchange, with five full-time employees. made 150 million roubles (£830,000 at the market rate) profit in its first four months. This year his sights are set on his first billion. Initially, he dealt in local fish, predominantly canned and frozen fish looking for a buyer. He matched it mostly to consumer goods, struck the deal, took commission from both parties and started again.

When Russia freed prices at the beginning of January, iness on the exchanges, and profits, fell sharply. Producers could market their goods directly at "commer-cial" prices. They had established trading partners and no longer needed a go-be-tween. The exchange had to reduce its commission rates from 3 per cent to 0.3 per cent, just to attract clients. Now, Mr Dotsenko and his team are diversifying. They want to found a brokerage house so that they can buy goods when they are cheap and sell them when prices rise. At present, commodity exchanges can arrange only direct deals. They cannot buy

on their own account.

They also want to start a

bank. Why? Because they

want to invest their profits in further business development and see no reason to pay interest to the bank for credits, when they could issue the credits on their own security. The progression from exchange to bank is just one of the freedoms open to Russia's new businessmen because of the total lack of any established institutions.

At the other end of Sakhalin's changing social spec-trum, is Mikhail Mikhailovich, who augments his pension by driving a taxi. Either the government is crazy, or I am crazy," he repeats to himself. When he last went to collect his pension, he asked how anyone could live on the 1,300 roubles he now receives. "It will go up to 3,000 in the next few

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ISLANDS SAKHALIN.

> price rises. sounds like an old bolshevik,

months," he was told, but that is small comfort. He calculates that he needs many times that to keep pace with Mr Mikhailovich often

but only because of his present circumstances. He may half-lament the passing of Stalin Street and the Stalin statue that greeted him when

CONTHORKAIDO Mr Mikhailovich is living partly from his reserves of JAPAN tinned food, accumulated over the years, and partly from family help. One of his daughters is a shop director

in the new economy. She tells him when a bargain has come in and sells him goods at wholesale prices. He says that his daughter is quite content.

She has a big flat and now the shop. Mr Mikhailovich is horrified, however, by the apparent arbitrariness by which she sets the prices.

Books fit for a queen

Philip Howard on the Balmoral reading list

The Book Trust is about to perform its annual publicity stunt of presenting The Queen with its selection of books of the year for her summer hols at Balmoral. We all need something to read on holiday, on the beach, and especially up on Deesside to ward off the Scotch mist and the bores. Something old, something old, something borrowed, something blue. Come August, some unfortunate courtier is going to stagger north with his arms sagging like an orang-utang's beneath the weight of 30 of the flashiest books published this year so far, selected from the bogus bestseller lists to give a broad range of fact and fiction, middling brow to middling brow, uncontroversial and unsatisfactory, as books chosen for somebody else all must be. Balmoral already has a Scottish country gent's respectable library of finely bound books of topography and country pursuits. On the whole, when a new book is published the sensible thing to do is to read an old one. And it is possible that up at Balmoral, they are planning to do what the rest of us attempt in August, to read something long and testing for which there is no time during

the rest of the year, such as Proust or Lucretius.

The Queen was introduced to books by Henry Marten, the dear old bumbling provost of Eton. and joint author of a popular pedagogic History Of England. Marten kept lumps of sugar in his pocket, as though his first-ever girl pupil might turn out to be a pony. In fact, he munched them himself, between bits of his handkerchief. He never looked directly at the princess, but occasionally addressed her in the way he addressed the Eton boys, as "gentlemen".

elations between royals and books can be dodgy. When they feel literary urges coming on, many of the Royal Family, from the Prince of Wales to Princess Michael of Kent, now write a book instead of reading one. When Prince Philip visited a Cambridge college as chancellor of the university, a senior academic observed: "He was wonderful with the kitchen staff, quite good with the undergraduates, lamentable with the dons."

Contrary to received literary prejudice, the Royal Family quite like books, in their place. Here is The Queen Mother at Balmoral, in the year she was widowed, thanking Edith Sitwell for her literary anthology, Book of Flowers: "I started to read it, sitting by the river, and it was a day when one felt enguised by great black clouds of unhappiness and misery, and I found a sort of peace stealing round my heart as I read such lovely poems and heavenly words. I can never thank you enough for giving me such a delicious book wherein I found so much beauty and hope.

quite suddenly one day by the river."

The Queen's grandfather was not so bookish, being more interested in stamps, which suit the royal predilection for hierarchy. Referring to authors, George V said: "People who write books ought to be shut up."

eorge IV, unkindly mocked, was a bookish royal, a friend and sponsor of Walter Scott and Jane Austen, who dedicated Emma to him. The Prince Regent thanked her for "the handsome copy of your last excellent novel," and added that many of the nobility at Brighton, "have paid you the just tribute of their praise".

George III - in spite of saying to Gibbon, "Another damned thick square book. Always scribble, scribble, scribble, eh, Mr Gibbon?" made a fine collection of thick books. They formed the nucleus of the British Library. He was handsome to Dr Johnson, and sound on proof reading to Fanny Burney.

James I was another royal reader and author, and the first Elizabeth wrote poems and memorable speeches. Going back to the roots of the monarchy. Alfred the Great introduced sanctions against the unbookish, threatening to sack his nobles unless they learnt to read. As he wrote himself: "As a result, nearly all the ealdormen and reeves and thegas applied themselves in an amazing way to learning how to read, preferring to learn this unfamiliar discipline (no matter how laboriously) than to relinquish their offices of power."

Up at Balmoral this summer, they will be dancing reels at the gillies' ball and walking and riding and biffing and following other country pursuits. But they will also be reading. It is a royal pursuit with a surprisingly long history.

Reform of this year's public spending round was the Chancellor's bright idea, says Peter Riddell

he Treasury has, for once, managed a public relations coup. Norman Lamont and Michael Pornillo prepared the ground for Wednesday's cabinet discussion of public spending by warning about the need for tight restraint. The statement afterwards was even tougher than expected: spending will be held down to existing planned limits next year, instead of the usual slippage of a few billion, and there will be a new mediumterm framework for control of expenditure. The hair-shirt spir-it was duly reflected in the headlines in yesterday's papers. The new age of austerity has begun. But now comes the hard

part of deciding individual There will be a tight squeeze for the next few years, but Wednesday's announcement is neither as tough nor as novel as Downing Street implied. We have been here before. Joel Barnett, Labour's chief secretary to the Treasury from 1974 to 1979, must be amused at talk of a new, tighter system of control. A dip into his *Inside the Trea*sury reveals similar anempts. Cash limits were introduced in the mid-1970s to restrain spending at a time of rapid inflation, while in the early 1980s, a new system of plan-

Lamont's bathtime tune

ning in cash was brought in. These intiatives worked at first in restraining expenditure.

The system, however, has several flaws. First, there are strong upward pressures resulting from the growing number of elderly people and from rising expectations of public services. Second, spending is heavily influenced by the state of the economy. Unemployment related by the state of the economy. ed benefits now account for ed benefits now account for nearly a fifth of total spending. Third, new policies invariably cost money. Alleviating the im-pact of the poll tax cost bil-lions of pounds, as John Major predicted in his days as chief secretary in 1987-89. The gov-ernment's largely unappreciat-ed commitment to mass higher education—a higger expansion education - a bigger expansion in numbers than in the post-Robbins days of the 1960s — is pushing up spending. Encour-aging more schools to opt out of local authority control adds to cost pressures, as does the introduction from next April of both the new system of local authority run community care and the council tax. "Reform" is

A WEEK IN POLITICS

Human, or rather political, nature also intervenes. It is easier to agree tough targets for two or three years' ahead than for the immediate future, espe-cially before an election. Virtue can always be postponed. A longer than expected recession. plus what were euphemistically described as "targeted" in-creases in spending on health, transport and education have pushed spending up by nearly 66 billion this year and £13 billion next year above previously agreed levels. No wonder Margaret Thatcher was heard complaining about laxity.

election was inevitable, but spending departments have put in additional bids, amounting to £14 billion above existing plans, only in part because of the weak economy. Mr Lamont warned a few weeks ago that "no responsible government can allow recession to become an excuse for a overall macroeconomic policy.

proportion of the nation's wealth spent by the state. The growth of public expenditure cannot be divorced from the real growth of the economy, in bad times as well as good".

Mr Lamont decided, apparently after thinking it over in his bath, that the traditional spending round had had its day. Ministers had a start inconting to

isters had every incentive to

push as hard as they could. So, he proposed that rather than targets being revised each year, overall totals should be firm not just for the year ahead, but for the two years following. So, once the cabinet has decided the overall target, the main discussion will be about the allocation of available resources under a new "top-down" approach. The Treasury has conceded that these decisions will be taken collectively by a committee, and ultimately by the cabinet, to establish priorities by discussion rather than by bargaining. But the committee will be chaired by the Chancellor, and he is supported by the prime minister, both on this issue and on In practice, this year's spend-ing round will be tighter than before, since the usual drift above previous plans will not be allowed: no more £6 billion rises. Unavoidable increases in spending caused by the recession, rising student numbers and reform of the common agricul-tural policy will be financed either out of the unaffocated reserve of £8 billion, or by reductions in existing plans. Talk of cuts is generally mislead

ing, although some previous plans will be reduced.

Wednesday's cabinet meeting took a long time, since spending ministers wanted to digest the implications. Afterwards they made the appropriate loyal remarks about the need for every-one to show restraint. When a prime minister backs a Chancelfor as strongly as Mr Major is now backing Mr Lamont, other ministers have no choice. But it is easy to be in favour of collective discipline until your department is affected. Michael Heseltine has already volunteered to reduce the small bid from the trade and industry department, but other ministers

are in a more difficult position. Specific manifesto promises— such as index-linked increases in retirement pensions and child benefits—will be homoured, but other, less specific intentions will have to be postponed. The proposed urban regeneration agency is likely to be a good deal less ambitious than was origi-

nally conceived. The projected totals for the one projected totals for the years up to the next election are tight, and will allow only limited growth in real terms even if the inflation rate drops to the forcast 2.25 per cent a year. There is an important safety valve, for these plans will exclude social assentive benefits related to unsecurity benefits related to unemployment. The stated aim is to get a grip again on public finances. The unstated aim is to

allow pre election tax cuts.
These ideas sound fine
in theory and may, like prein theory and may, like pre-vious shock squeezes, work in the immediate future in re-straining the growth of spend-ing. But the inherent institu-tional pressures will not disappear. Departments will al-

ways bargain for more.
This week's statement was really a Treasury reassertion of control within Whitehall. After all, as one senior official said, "we are the one institution in the land interested in what the

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Lord Carrington is very jolly. But

about as delightful

the heir to

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Already this week Slobodan

Milosevic has torned down Car-

rington's offer of mediation in Kos-

ove. The good Lord perponded that he include

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A man who can't make peace

Martin Ivens talks to Lord Carrington, Europe's mediator in the Balkans' bloody civil war

t was the perfect time for an interview with Lord Carrington about the value of European diplomacy in ending the Yugoslav conflict. The United Nations secretary general had clashed with Carrington, the EC chief negotiator for Yugoslavia. Boutros Boutros Ghali said Carrington had failed to tell him that his latest deal involved using UN troops. The ceasefire, brokered last Friday and broken on Sunday, was not feasible in the first place, he said. An announcement was made on Wednesday that Douglas Hurd was off to New York to patch up the quarrel.

My conversation with Lord

Carrington at Christie's offices in St James's got off to a puzzling start when he denied that the Foreign Secretary was off to the UN at all. "I should know. I spoke to him this morning," he said. I cursed the usually impeccable Times foreign desk for misleading me. Still, he was perfectly affable.

Lord Carrington is modest about his achievements in the field: "I have been doing this for a year. I have had one or two minor successes." He is acutely conscious of the bad impression given when an agreement he has pieced together is no sooner signed than broken. "Where do you go from here? You can't go on negotiating ceasefires which are quite clearly signed in bad faith." Nonetheless, he will go on negotiating them.

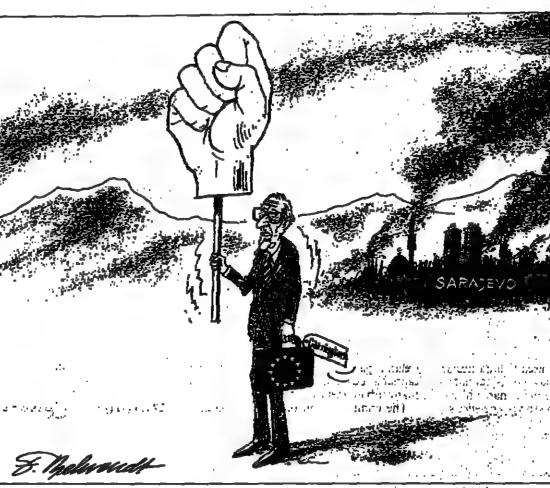
The view of Major Lewis Mac-Kenzie, the UN commander in starving Sarajevo, is more acid: "God protect us from ceasefires. It seems that whenever we have a ceasefire the level of fighting goes up." Lord Carrington's

opponents among the warring participants and hostile sections of the German press also say his very appearance in Yugoslavia.

is a catalyst for violence. Lord Carrington is appalled by "the human misery, the sheer cruelty of it all" when discussing the plight of civilians forcibly removed by ethnic cleansing campaigns. His duty is to go back to attempt to broker still more local agreements, to stem the blood-red tide lapping around the shores of the Baikans. If that is a limited ambition then so is his brief. "It is really up to the UN whether it wants to intervene militarily." As an honest broker, he has "no personal feelings" about mili-tary intervention, although Whitehall's unstated view appears to be that the Balkans are not worth the bones of a single (the regiment in which Lord Carrington served after Sand-"There doesn't seem to hurst). be much enthusiasm for it," says the sixth baron insouciantly. He denies that the muddle

between Bonn, Paris and Brussels over recognition of Croatia and Bosnia has made the situation worse, but with the qualification that "the EC, in conjunction with the United Nations, has got to make up its mind where it is going to go".

I put it to him that Yugoslavia the Americans' little joke at the expense of Europe's pretensions. Last year M Delors declared that the EC was to have an ambitious foreign and defence policy. The French rejoi-ced that the end of the Cold War meant the Yanks could at last go home. The Germans said they would assume a real diplomatic



'Now we're really getting serious': Frankfurter Allgemeine's ironic view of Lord Carrington's mission. Albanians may yet

role after the Gulf War débade. Then Yugoslavia erupted as an immediate test of the new pan-European diplomacy. After James Baker's initial blundering speech in Belgrade last year in favour of a united Yugoslavia, the Americans showed little interest. One year later, it seems that every diplomatic move made by the EC automatically raises expectations of outside military intervention against the Serbs, which is then dashed by Western chiefs-of-staff, who take a grimly realistic view of the logistics involved.

Lord Carrington, however, is firm: "I don't think the problem arises in the Community. The problem arises because of the intransigence in Yugoslavia." He is right: there seems to be an appetite for war in Yugoslavia unsated by 12 months of horror. At Lancaster House when Lord Carrington was negotiating his Rhodesian settlement, deep down at least the participants

wanted peace.
With a world-weary sigh, Carrington, now 73, discourses on the endless prevarication of these Balkan chaps. The Bogni-

an Muslims seem as bad as the Serbs. I was rather reminded of the gallery of Tory Northern Ireland ministers who have privately decried the "bickering bog-trotters" on either side of the sectarian divide. Yet these were more like the accents of Lawrence Durrell's eccentric heroes of diplomatic life, the Polk-Mowbrays and Antrobuses of Esprit de Corps, Sauve qui Peut and, above all, Stiff Upper Lip. The dips, if you have not read these comic masterpieces, are often left stranded in some

ungodly Balkan hole called

After the Scottish National Par-

new edition predicts a Scottish declaration of independence next year. Surely Old Moore is guilty of

taking SNP leader Alex Salmond

spill over into a war with the state of Albania proper. sucking in the fledgling republic of Macedonia. In the wings wait Turkey - Muslim in all but name - and Orthodox Greece, which is hypersensitive about its northern borders and the no-mendature of Macedonia. From a payphone at the bottom-of Christie's grand staircase, I called *The Times* to be told that Mr Hurd is going to New York after all. I went back to break the news to Carrington, supposedly at the heart of events in the Balkans. "Oh, is he, then? Good · for him.*



...and moreover

n common with all my previous surefire schemes to net five million pounds without getting out of bed, this one is an absolute corker. Indeed, I say five million only be-

cause it is tempting providence to pitch one's hopes too high. You will say: I have this feel-ing, call it a sixth sense, there's a lot of it in my family, that he is going to tell us about it. The man is a fool to himself, no wonder his other surefire schemes went belly up, what is to stop us, as soon as he has revealed all here, from running out and grabbing the five million for ourselves? My reply, of course, is all here, thereby making it copyright to me. Anyone attempting to nick it thereafter will render himself liable to the full majesty of a sockful of sand brought

down sharply on the ear. First wind of the scheme came to me only seconds after I had phoned Hoverspeed Bookings at Folkestone and been passed to extension 388. The wind had seaguils on it. I could hear them crying behind the voice of the maiden enquiring whether she could help me. Now, it was a soft and captivating voice, and while I have come to be cautious of unresearched aural stimulation ever since learning that the lift of the lissome bimbette in the Mannikin commercial belonged to Miriam Margolyes, the mind nonetheless was encouraged by this consonance of girl and guil to conjure up a sun-kissed tropic strand occupied only by me. eight gramophone records, the works of Shakespeare, God, and Wodehouse, and my choice of one luxury, viz the tenant of extension 388.

I. who had rung up merely in pursuit of the relative fares of ferry and plane, now - and despite the unlikelihood of being shipwrecked in the Channel and washed up on Tahiti immediately plumped for the ferry. I had been subliminally

it was only after i had dictated my credit card details that I asked 388 if I had really heard seagulls. "Yes," she said, "they come here of a lunchtime due to people throwing their crusts over the wall into our carpark." but by then it was too late for any douche to chill what had become my purely mercantile lust. For the scheme had

dawned on me. More and more business is conducted via the telephone. Every day, a stupendous amount of money changes ears, and it is in the best interest of those selling to ensure that those buying are in as receptive, ie, as donative, a frame of mind as possible. But hitherto after we had successfully reached our dialled number, one of only three things happened. We heard either a live human voice, a recorded human voice, or a length of wail-to-wall Muzak offering us the choice of four vertical surfaces to climb up while we waited. What we never heard was a combination of the human voice and a recording working in close harmony, with the purpose of max-

imising marketing potential. Let me extrapolate from my seagull experience. You are, say, trawling Yellow Pages for a decent shoe-repairer. You ring one and hear in the background the noise of hammering and whistling. "What is that?" you enquire. "That, sir? That will be our elves, cobbling away, day and night. We find traditional methods best." You would look no further. You would be running round there with a sack of busted brogues before you could say Heath Robinson. Or imagine you are trepidantly seeking a reliable dentist; as you get through, you hear the faint strains of the National Anthem. That, sir? That will be Her Majesty leaving. Just a scale and polish this time, but the band likes to keep its hand in. Now. would you care for an appointment?" Not half you would, just as you would not think twice. when seeking a competent garage, if you heard the perfect pitch of a Williams-Renault exhaust and a receptionist shouting above it to the effect that no, you had not been mistaken. Nigel would never think of going anywhere else.

As soon as I have set up my tape stock, smart businessmen among you should feel free to ring. If, when you do, you hear what seems to be the background voice of Richard Branson begging me to meet him to discuss his switchboard requirements, don't hang up. Mr Coren will come to the phone as soon as his enormous workload permits.

Smith gets a grip

FOLLOWING the shadow cabinet elections yesterday. John Smith is on the threshold of gaining a stronger hold over his party than Neil Kinnock ever hoped for even in his sweetest dreams. Smith's supporters swept to success in the elections yesterday, and many of the same people, includ-ing his closest front-bench colleagues, are also poised to take power in the National Executive Committee in October, creating an almost unprecedented congruence between Labour's two traditional power-bases.

For the first time, almost all the seven constituency places - for years the preserve of the Labour left - look likely to go to Smith's shadow cabinet colleagues. In the mid-eighties the seats invariably went to opponents of the leadership such as Tony Benn, Dennis Skinner, Eric Heffer and Ken Livingstone, but this year's elections, by constituency parties traumatised by the fourth successive general election defeat. promise a dramatically different result. Robin Cook (Smith's leadership campaign manager), Bryan Gould, John Prescott, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Blunkett can all expect to be appointed, so making the shadow cabinet and the NEC effectively one and the same. Benn and Skinner - almost the only NEC members dissenting from party policy in the Kinnock years - are

tipped to lose their seats. Lewis Minkin, Labour historian and author of a study of the party's conferences, says: "There has to be some room for the tensions within the party to find expression, and if there is a total convergence of the NEC and the shadow cabinet, that can't happen."



Ironically, the sole representative of the back benches and the party grassroots is likely to be the very man accused by some of ruthlessly snuffing out left-wing dissent in both the parliamentary party and the NEC -Neil Kinnock himself.

Truant disposition

JOHN PATTEN has once again upset the educational establishment by his failure to show up. The Council for Local Education Authorities meeting in Liverpool expected the secretary of state to address its conference today. Indeed its agenda lists him as a speaker. But instead they will hear Baroness Blatch, the minister of state (who was tipped by some as a possible secretary of state for national heritage if David Mellor had resigned).

The Association of Head Teachers was also disappointed, when Patten failed to address its conference in Bournemouth last month. "I think you may find they will get an earful from Baroness Blatch for trying to bounce us," says an aide. The fact is that Mr Patten never agreed to attend the conference." Peter Smith, spokesman for the education authorities. says: "Delegates are disappointed because he should be here and he should be listening."



Nowhere man

EVEN as our compositors were putting the final touches to today's full-page advertisement for the legalisation of cannabis, the organisers, Release, were still waiting to hear from one of the original signatories, Paul McCartney.

McCartney, a staunch campaigner 25 years ago when the organis-ation first advertised in The Times, was approached three weeks ago to sign the current ad, and has been faxed on numerous occasions since. "We finally got through to his agent on Wednesday. He told us that Paul was in his recording studio in Sussex, and even she could not disturb him," said Release's director Mike Goodman vesterday. "I think it is a pity that

he has not signed." But McCartney's views seem

confused at best. Arrested for possession in Barbados in 1984, he said: "It's a whole lot less harmful than whisky, rum punch, nicotine and glue." Yet when asked about his signature on the original 196?" advert in 1988, he said: "At the time it didn't seem the least bit radical. But now - to imagine that Jonathan Aitken came round and solicited my support ... now's when it looks far out to me."

• Now that his passport has been safely returned by London magistrates, Ian Maxwell is at liberty to plan his summer holidays with the family. While none of his aides would yesterday disclose where he and his wife Laura plan to go, his spouse comes from a wealthy Chi-cago family. Few would be sur-prised if his in-laws, the Plumbs. have helped pay for a trip to the States - with a lengthy stay with the American relatives, of course #

Roll up

WHEN it was disclosed that Baroness Thatcher was considering a lucrative offer to act as a consultant to Philip Morris, the world's biggest tobacco company, it fell to Elizabeth Buchanan, Cecil Park inson's former special adviser, 10 handle the flak

Buchanan, who works for Lowe Bell Communications, the conpany run by Sir Tim Bell, has havdled Thairher's press enquires since the election. She did not require much briefing about the approach from Philip Morris, for it was she who had tried - and failed - to secure a contract for Lowe Bell to handle the tobacco the company's public affairs in Britain. The non-smoking Burhanan, was charged by Bell with the task of making his company's pinch to Philip Moreis. Instead the contract was awarded to lan Great

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MELLOR SHOULD STAY

There are good and bad reasons for able politicians to be forced into resignation. Being hounded from office by newspapers at . a time when the press has an interest in resisting legislation on privacy is not a good reason. David Mellor has clearly behaved foolishly in his private life. There is no

evidence worth the name which makes that behaviour relevant to the performance of his public duties. He is a vigorous, intelligent and capable cabinet minister who shows every sign of succeeding in the job to which John Major appointed him. Many textbook reasons are given for

ministerial resignation. After Crichel Down. a minister. Sir Thomas Dugdale, was seen to resign because an official in his department made a mistake that merited such exemplary remorse. But few ministers since have felt obliged to follow that principle. In the Crichel Down case and since, at the heart of every resignation has been a realisation by a minister that he or she has lost the confidence of political colleagues.

Some have gone, for instance, as a result of gaffes that undermined the credibility of their department, such as Edwina Currie over salmonella. Others such as John Profumo were seen to have lied to the House of Commons, long regarded as a more heinous crime than, for instance, lying to a wife or to the public. The only real reason for resignation is not moral but political: that a minister has so embarrassed the government or its leader that the prime minister decides the political cost of keeping him outweighs

that of "letting him go". In this case the offence of which Mr Mellor stands accused is that of marital infidelity, an offence that encompasses many another politician and possibly even some as senior as he is. The offence has been compounded by a handful of unwise statements by himself and the fantastical magnifying glass held up to his infidelity by some newspapers. They have done this with particular glee because Mr Mellor is the minister charged with looking into the need for a law on privacy, a law to which, ironically, he is known to be averse. In other words, a campaign is under way to

cause the government such lasting embarrassment over Mr Melior that he has to go, so that no law on privacy can subsequently be enacted.

What will most likely hold new laws at bay is a convincing demonstration of selfregulation. The sight of it being tacitly abandoned will have the opposite result. The wobbly course of the Press Complaints Commission in meeting to address and then not addressing the Mellor case on Wednesday may have given a tactical victory to the tabloid editors. But laming the commission may help win them the immediate skirmish at the cost of the larger battle.

The obvious response now from Mr Major and his colleagues is simply not to give in to the pressure to return the same defiant gesture to the press as the press is giving them. This may not be easy, Margaret Thatcher had an uncomfortable habit of using her private office to fly kites and "semidetach" even loyal ministers who had become embarrassments, shortly before decapitating them, as John Biffen and Sir Leon Brittan learnt to their cost. Mr Major may be made of sterner stuff, helped in this case by the absence of MPs from Parliament. He can stand by his friend and tell Fleet Street to publish and be damned. That is what he should do, and in effect, has done.

What is important for the press - and their readers - is to separate the Mellor affair from the debate about privacy. Here again is an example of hard cases inviting legislators to make bad law. No law was ever going to stop the tabloid press from pursuing Mr Mellor's private life. Once pursued, only considerations of editorial taste and judgment, likely to vary with different newspapers and different readerships, would govern which material was fit to print. Nobody ever said the freedom of the press was a freedom whose enjoyment would never be troublesome. What balances it is the freedom of public figures and their superiors to refuse to be embarrassed, to apologise to their families and their colleagues, to face down their critics and to invite judgment on their public deeds not their private ones.

OVERDUE FOR REPEAL

Today The Times carries a similar advertisement to the one it published exactly 25 years ago. It does not call for a breaking of the law, merely for a change in the law. It does not call for the decriminalisation of all narcotics. strong though many libertarians feel the case for that is. It addresses itself to a particular narcotic, most widely known as cannabis, whose outlawing is little more than a historical oddity but one with serious side effects.

The dividing line in any society between acceptable and unacceptable narrotics, as between other aspects of private behaviour, is determined by the habits of generations. At various periods of British history, gambling, nicotine, spirit consumption, prostitution, homosexuality, opium and heroin use have been legally restricted if not actually criminal. At other times they have been considered legitimate, if not always admired, activities. One generation's illicit casino owner is another's contributor to party funds.

Nothing indicates the community's confused reactions to narcotics more than the inclusion or exclusion of certain substances from the banned list. Vast numbers of young people in Britain now regularly take a mild (technically illegal) stimulant called Ecstasy. Many use it as a substitute for alcohol, which they regard as much more dangerous because it affects motor reflexes and because it is pharmacologically addictive. The same goes for cannabis, especially in the black community, where it has long been preferred to the lethally addictive alcohol and nicotine. That community sees as hypocritical and racist a society that ennobles the makers of drink and tobacco products, and taxes those products for the public benefit, yet outlaws

Their less toxic relaxants. The law banning cannabis sale and use is all but unenforced. Some critics of legalisation say that since any narcotic use is

to be discouraged, the best policy is merely to let the existing law fall into disuse. There would be a case for this were soft drugs not a huge industry, with a production and distribution chain operating outside and in open contempt for the law. In Northern Ireland, paramilitary gangs survive on the cannabis business, as do gang leaders in many urban ghettos.

The criminalisation of cannabis renders the policing of such communities much harder. Laws that do not enjoy widespread consent undermine respect for the law. Canthat criminalisation has done nothing to diminish and probably enhances. Young people who refuse to see it as dangerous are invited into a world where the line between a misdemeanour and outlawry is hard for them to discern. Not surprisingly, the police are among those who would welcome a drastic pruning of the banned drugs list.

These questions are taxing lawmakers and policemen in most Western countries. Such is the taboo surrounding all intoxicants and narcotics that rational debate is hard. The history of alcohol prohibition in America and of the arguments surrounding the decriminalisation of homosexuality, casino bening and Sunday observance, well demonstrate the passions such subjects arouse. Older generations see a slippery slope down which the young appear to be sliding.

Less easy to abuse than many legal drugs over whose possession no restraint is imposed, cannabis and similar mild narcotics are not dangerous drugs. They are widely used by large sections of the population. It is the strangest thing that after 25 years they are still on the banned list and the taboo surrounding them is still so strong. The tussle to free the individual from the namey state is still far from won.

NICE GUYS COME TOP

The days of the brash, arrogant tycoon may be numbered. If you want to get on in business, better to be mild-mannered, civilised and nice to journalists. The first Presswatch Quarterly, published yesterday, which monitors the press coverage of Britain's top 500 or so companies, seems to have found an uncanny correlation between bosses with large. domineering egos and an unfavourable press; and on the other side, between polite, unassuming chiefs and good coverage.

The authors of the report have either failed to notice this correlation or are 100 delicate to comment upon it. But a Times analysis (inevitably subjective) finds that more than half of the top 25 negatively portrayed companies are run by men noted for their imperiousness (while the rest are included for their bad profits performance or poor service to the public). In the good publicity league table, two-thirds of the most-liked 25 have

popular and modest bosses. The company with the best coverage of all is Wellcome, a business headed by John Robb, a quietly spoken Scot. Fourth in the league is Cadbury Schweppes whose last chairman, Sir Adrian Cadbury, has just chaired a committee which proposed that the jobs of chief executive and chairman of a company should be held by different people. (It was the height of Ernest Saunders' hubris, while he was still chief executive of Guinness, to grab the chairman's job too, thereby breaking a pre-takeover promise by unseating the well-respected - and famously nice

- Sir Thomas Risk.) Is this a change of mood from the 1980s. when the more authoritarian a company chairman was, the more he seemed to be feted in the press? The change has already taken place in politics, with the removal of the dynamic but autocratic Margaret Thatcher in favour of the consensual and

emollient John Major. Before Mrs Thatcher, many people lamented what they saw as the paralysis of British politicians and industrialists, who were unable to say boo to the trade unions and who watched impotently as other countries outperformed Britain. This powerlessness of politicians was bemoaned by Sir lan Gilmour in The Body Politic, published in 1969, "Most British prime ministers since 1918 ... have seemed to hoard power rather than use it. Maybe the system naturally produces weak or moderate leaders."

The institutional flaw that he thought he detected turned out not to exist; though the disproof of his theory, in the person of Mrs Thatcher, was not entirely to his liking either. Her arrival on the political scene, and the deregulation she introduced, spawned a whole breed of tough, ambitious British managers. By the height of their power, in the mid-1980s, they had made their companies hugely profitable, laying off workers and reaping the benefit of the consumer boom.

But hubris turned to nemesis by the end of the decade. In the search for quick profits, many of these men became obsessed with takeovers and expansion of their empires. The results were often overblown and unmanageable conglomerates, whose rationale was unclear. Now perhaps the tide has begun to turn. The presence of ICI in third place could be a sign that good, oldfashioned organic growth and a safe pair of hands will be the new fashion of the 1990s. | July 21.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cost of protecting the government's stance on economy may prove too high

From the Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Sir. The time is rapidly approaching (if, indeed, it is not already here) when Mr Major must consider whether the nation is being asked to pay too high an economic and social price to protect his political credibility, and that of Mr Lamont.

It is all very well for the prime minister and the Chancellor to insist that there is no alternative to their present strategy - no lower real rate of interest than the one they have imposed to offset Mr Lawson's profligacy and sustain the exchanges, no different rate of exchange than the one that happened to obtain when Mr Major decided to impose German monetary discipline on the British unemployed, no possibility of attempting to reduce social distress until the pursuit of "zero inflation" had caused in-supportable pain and deprivation. This is nonsense: our present situation is in large part the result of

Mr Major lashed us to the German mast and now tells us that defiation is the only acceptable response to recession. He and his associates made a ghastly mistake in entering the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) at the wrong rate and probably at the wrong time. It is that a misjudgment sustained by dogmatism - which boxes the economy into its present misery. And it is the fear of what might follow a decision that we can no longer bear the cost of Germany's reunification that prevents the government from changing course to help the British people. But the admission of failure and the political fall-out that would follow a realignment of policy would be far more Mr Major's problem than Britain's.

Obviously, having manhandled the economy into a near-impossible position, the government is not entirely wrong in pointing out that alternatives might well be very painful. But that is its fault. The misery that it has intensified could not have been avoided entirely in a world where all economies are slowing down, and it will ultimately end, for slumps do not last for ever.

But the consequences of the government's economic misjudgments and doctrinaire politics — higher unemployment, lower living standards, less adequate public services, greater insecurity, and less productive investment than we should otherwise have known -- are inescapably present around us. They represent welfare and human potential destroyed for ever. Mr Major is an honourable man. Should he not do the honourable thing and help his country, no matter what the political cost to him?

Yours faithfully, BARRY SUPPLE, The Master's Lodge, St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

From Mr J. R. L. Cuningham

Sir. The erosion of confidence in world financial markets is approaching the point when concerted government action is necessary to aven a much more dangerous collapse in

the stock and property markets. Seasoned observers know that the present exceptional interest-rate differential between America and Germany is unsustainable, but in currency markets, which are to a large extent interest-rate driven, orchestrated central-bank buying of dollars is not sufficient.

Severe currency deviations from perceived purchasing-power parity levels are creating trade imbalances which threaten the stability of the world economy. The United King-dom is not a unique victim in this economic mess, but in the prime minister we have a politician in probably the strongest position to lead intergovernmental action to reduce the interest-rate differentials which are at the root of the problem.

The action, when it comes, must be clear, decisive and not long delayed. Yours faithfully, J. R. L. CUNINGHAM (Chairman), Investment Research of

Cambridge Ltd.,

28 Panton Street, Cambridge. From Professor J. C. Levy, FEng Sir, To escape permanently from the difficulties surrounding interest rates we must put more laith and resources into our manufacturing in-

dustry. This is not a quick-fix remedy but a long, hard and necessary road. Manufacturing industry accounts for more than 60 per cent of our export trade. It cannot be replaced by trade in services, which accounts for less than 25 per cent. Remarkably enough the ratio of service trade to manufacturing trade has actually decreased during the past decade.

In spite of the general impression sometimes given we do have many excellent, internationally competitive manufacturing firms, especially among the large ones, but we are relatively weak in the small and medium-sized categories. The performance of all could be greatly improved if their significance in wealth-creation were more clearly acknowledged by a lowering of their development costs.

In our economic situation and in the context of the exchange-rate mechanism a significant national reduction in interest rates may not be possible. But it should be recognised that the cost of capital for machinery (for 20-year life) and for research and development (ten-year payback) has for many years been greater in the UK than in Germany or Japan. This has dragged down our competitiveness generally and in particular inhibited prosperity in many me-dium-sized firms, which are so ev-

ident in those two countries. A result of the cheaper money available to them has been that between 1980 and 1989 cumulative capital spending per employee in Japan was £53,000, in West Germany £28,500, but in the UK only £19,800. Is it surprising then that our productivity, despite recent improvements, is still considerably below theirs on average?

I therefore suggest that a vigorous enquiry be launched by the appro-priate government agencies into additional methods by which private manufacturing industry can be encouraged with cheaper money and/ or better allowances specifically to invest in equipment and to carry out research and development leading to improved productivity and innova-tion. Specific measures to achieve these aims have been made in recent

If in consequence, temporarily, a little less money is available for social purposes, in the long run such a policy will produce more for health, education and pensions.

Yours sincerely, 18 Woodberry Way, Finchley, N12.

From Mr D. E. A. Sibley

Sir, To cure her fever, Germany gives all Europe hypothermia. But her conduct is inspired by a British/ American monetarist theory: that the interest rate is the sole permissible tool for macroeconomic regulation.

We need other tools that can be used locally to solve local problems. such as German inflation. One possibility is to restrict the percentage of

asset values that can be used as collateral for secured credit. Another is the fiscal regulator. Another is incomes control.

All such ideas are deeply un-fashionable. Yet the Bundesbank should not starve Europe merely to trim the German waistline. Bring back outmoded corsetry!

Yours faithfully. ANGUS SIBLEY. 20a Marlborough Court. Pembroke Road, Kensington, W8.

From Mr C. H. Walton

Sir. A worrisome aspect of the current ERM debate is the strong inference by ministers that devaluation is no longer a legitimate tool of

economic policy.

Regardless of the merits of a currency realignment in the present UK situation, there is a point in the economic condition of nations where distortions and imbalances make devaluation inescapable. Perhaps the IMF would let us know if it now thinks otherwise.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER WALTON. Walfson College, Oxford. July 17.

From Mr D. K. Martin

Sir. So the prime minister states that he is against the "quick fix" of taking us out of the European monetary system (report, July 15). Has he forgotten the circumstances surrounding the original quick fix which took us into the EMS in the first place? As I recall, it was on the eve of the Tory party conference in 1990 when the party's fortunes were flagging and the base interest rate was 14 per cent or so.

It apparently then seemed to him and his colleagues an appropriate moment to jump on the EMS band-wagon, so that a 1 per cent drop in the base rate could be delivered to lift party spirits.

The adventure proved to be a disaster in terms of reducing the base rate at anything like an acceptable speed: some might describe it as death by a thousand half-cuts. The consequences are now and have been all too evident to see. Yours faithfully.

D. K. MARTIN. Hyde Mahon Bridges (solicitors), 52 Bedford Row, WC1.

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Renewed debate for and against cannabis law reform

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

have to be based on the belief that they, and in particular cannabis, are not harmful — a belief that flies in the face of the known bad effects that cannabis can have on brain and on body, including paranola, epilepsy, malfunctioning of the reproductive organs, lost motivation and hallucinations. Cannabis is not to be trifled with; nor is Ecstasy, let alone the even stronger drugs and drugs mixtures now available.

Parallels are sometimes drawn with the free availability of alcohol. But who would seriously wish to match drugs, by making them legal, with the tragic track-record of use and abuse of alcohol, which inflicts far more harm on individuals and communities than ever illicit drugs are likely to do in terms of crime, death, cost and misery?

Even Release, the drugs and legal advice agency now calling for "cannabis cafes" and licensed drug clubs (report, July 17), does not advocate a completely control-free market for drugs. So the black market would continue with present producers and traffickers competing with legitimate companies (as well as selling to them), manipulating the market at

Arguments for legalisation are born of despair. Government actions and political leadership can tackle the awful problems of drug misuse and government commitment to do so must be encouraged and supported.

Such a commitment would conform with last year's conclusion by all

Sir, Unlike Julie Fitzgeruld, leader of

Camden council (letter, July 21), this

organisation finds merit in Red

Routes. The traffic increase on the

pilot Red Route in peak and non-

peak hours is virtually all accounted

for by drivers diverting from "rat

runs" back to the main route. There

is no evidence to support the view

that Red Routes are encouraging

Two of the other major benefits of

the scheme have been a 36 per cent

reduction in accidents (compared to

a 12 per cent reduction across

London) and a dramatic improve-

ment in bus reliability on the route.

The latter has led to a 3 per cent

increase in passengers on the No. 43

bus, which runs on the route,

compared to a 1 per cent fall across

Red Routes are a simple, safe and

efficient way to get the capital moving and should be welcomed by

overall increases in traffic.

From the Director of Movement

Red Routes

for London

the capital.

Londoners.

Yours faithfully.

Pillar House.

ANDREW PHAROAH.

Director, Movement for London.

194-202 Old Kent Road, SE1.

members of the 27-nation Council of The Times published on February 5. Europe Parliamentary Assembly, irrespective of party or nationality, subsequently endorsed unanimously by the Committee of Ministers.

Yours truly. TIM RATHBONE. House of Commons. July 21.

From Mr Steve Abrams

Sir. Jonathan Aitken, quoted in Jonathon Green's article of July 17. states quite correctly that the 1967 cannable law reform advertisement in The Times, published by my organisation, Soma, was not an outright call for legalisation. It said that possession should be permitted or else be punishable only by a small fine. The question of supply was left open. Obviously legalisation loomed as a long-term prospect, and my text took this into account.

The intention of the 1969 Wootton report on cannabis was to remove the prospect of imprisonment for casual offences. This, together with other proposals - to legalise research and medical treatment, to distinguish between drugs, and to abolish absolute offences - was embodied in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Because the Wootton report affirmed that "the long-term use of cannabis in moderate doses has no harmful effects", the case against cannabis had become rather weak and the committee indicated that legalisation might come in the long run. In the short term, however, all the members voted against this option, as Lady Wootton and Sir Edward Wayne noted in a letter to

Sir, The BBC has announced (report,

July 15) that it will spend £9 million a

year on a rolling news service from January 1994, using Radio 4's long-

wave frequency. That the BBC has elected to do this in the full know-

ledge that the Radio Authority is due

to license a national commercial

sneech-based radio service suggests a

failure to judge the implications of its

cial talk channel, which must surely

The prospect now for a commer-

BBC news plans

From Lord Colnbrook

1969.

I do remember Mr Aitken distinguishing between laws to protect the end-user and laws to protect the supplier. I do not like the prospect of a free market in drugs, but I believe the market could easily be outflanked. Cannabis of high quality can be grown in this country and could be sold to registered users by pharmacies, or in cafes, for that matter. Such a scheme could be reversible, and the profits could go to the national health system.

Yours faithfully. STEVE ABRAMS. 18 St Luke's Mews. W11. July 17.

From Mrs Priscilla Chester-Master Sir. The outward effect of cannabis use may appear peaceable and harmless, but anyone who has had contact with regular pot smokers knows that they slip mentally completely out of gear. Reality recedes, time becomes immaterial, responsibtities can be put off for another day.

Whatever may be said in favour of changing the law by people who like to use cannabis or have never been harmed by it, those of us who have watched it befuddling good young brains and seen it. all too often, start a slide down the slope to far more vicious substances, are not going to be persuaded that the principle of legalising it can in any way be right. Yours faithfully.

PRISCILLA CHESTER-MASTER. Church Farm, Preston. Circucester, Gloucestershire,

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Yours etc., COLNBROOK. House of Lords.

Tourism in UK

decision.

Sir. In his letter of July 16 Mr William Davis, chairman of the

British Tourist Authority, asserts that the British tourist industry is in a healthy state. I find it surprising that, given the

current emphasis on environmentally-friendly tourism, the BTA should continue to use visitor numbers as any kind of yardstick of success. The only meaningful measure of success is what the visitors spend and the figures given in Mr Davis's letter, since they take no account of inflation, hide a downturn

in real spending. No one would dispute that the vital part, seems greatly diminished.

What is the point of a Broadcasting Act designed to widen choice if the BBC deliberately sets out to frustrate these intentions? Perhaps it is time for ministers to step in and take a hand in deciding what services the BBC should provide now that the BBC is no longer the sole provider of national programmes.

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tourist industry is in many ways a success, story. It is, however, both

From Mr Paull Tickner insensitive and unhelpful to attempt to pretend that the very real problems it is facing do not exist.

May I suggest that, were the industry as robust as Mr Davis asserts, the balance of payments deficit on the tourism account would be substantially smaller and the downturn in hotel occupancy reported by Horwath Consulting in the summer edition of its "Business Review" would be far less dramatic? Yours faithfully.

PAULL TICKNER (Chairman). British Incoming Tour Operators' Association. 18a Coulson Street, SW3.

Student unions

From Mrs Frances Lindsay

Sir. With a bit of luck and a following wind I hope to gain my degree this chose not to join my student union since I was unable to play any part in its activities and on the whole could not take advantage of many of its services.

As a non-member I was unable to vote in union elections and therefore did not have a say in the running of the union. This was, of course, my choice. I simply did not sign up. No one queried my decision and no one tried to coerce me into joining.

I wonder if it was called the National Students Club it would lose its left-wing connotation and both the government and the Freedom Association (letter, July 15) would focus their attention elsewhere.

Yours faithfully. FRANCES LINDSAY. 74 Altwood Road. Maidenhead, Berkshire. July 15.

Franco's relic From Mr Brian Cricier

Sir. The reference (Diary, July 23) to the mummified arm of St Teresa as General Franco's most treasured possession is not as new as your diarist seems to think.

I referred to it in my biography of Franco, published in 1967 (p.227). My source was one of the earlier hagiographies of the general. Centinela de Occidente (1956), by the journalist Luis de Galinsoga, whose own source was Franco's cousin. Hermenegildo Franco Salgado. Yours faithfully.

BRIAN CROZIER. 303 The Linen Hall. 162-168 Regent Street, W1. July 23.

Crossword addicts

From Mrs Monica Furlong Sir. Does anyone have a word of comfort detters, July 6, 11, 15, 20) for those of us who do not seem able to complete The Times crossword? Although educated, more or less, in the 1930s and 1940s. I have only once completed the entire puzzle by myself, and that was when I was an uncalled juror and had nothing at all to do for most of the day

I have occasionally completed the crossword with the help of my sonteducated 1960s and 1970s), but as the years have gone by have decided to keep my energies for easier tasks Is the problem lack of intelligence tack of time, or lack of moral backbone?

Yours sincerely. MONICA FURLONG. 53 St Quintin Avenue, W 10

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 23: His Excellency Tan Sri Wan Sidek and Puan Sri Nurran were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquish-ing his appointment as High Commissioner for Malaysia in

His Excellency Monsieur Balthazar Habonimana was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Repub-

nied by the following members of the Embassy: Monsieur Canus Niyonkuru (First Counsellor). Madame Habonimana was

also received by Her Majesty. Mr Nigel Broomfield (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in strendance Sir Paul Scoon was received by

The Queen on the relinquishment of his appointment as Governor-Lady Scoon was also received by

Her Majesty. The Hon Michael Pakenham (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-

potentiary at Luxernbourg) was received by The Queen. The Hon Mrs Michael Pakenham was also received by

Mr Derek Chappell was re-ceived by The Queen on his retirement when Her Majeny invested him with the Insignia of a Licutement of the Royal Vic-

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of Bucking-

The Duke of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men at Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the

The Bands of the Life Guards and The Gloucestershire Regiment 28th/61st played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Perron, visited the Ranfudy Library
Service, Coldharbour Place.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 23: The Prince Edward this afternoon returned to Royal Air Force Northolt from a visit to

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in anendance.
His Royal Highness this evening took the Salute at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. Mrs Richard Warburson was in

attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE

July 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visuted the Headquarters of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and presented General Service Medals to Services Welfare Member

Dame Frances Campbell-Pres-ton and Sir Alastair Aird were in

Her Majesty, as Patron of the Church Army, this afternoon received a delegation from the World Leaders Conference.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 23: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council. Today The Princess of Wales visited Winchester and was re-ceived by General Sir David Fraser (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

Hampshire).
This morning Her Royal High-ness, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Hampshire Regiment, attended the Regiment's Farewell Parade at the Guildhall, Winchester, and a Service of Thanksgiving at Winchester Cathedral, Hamp-

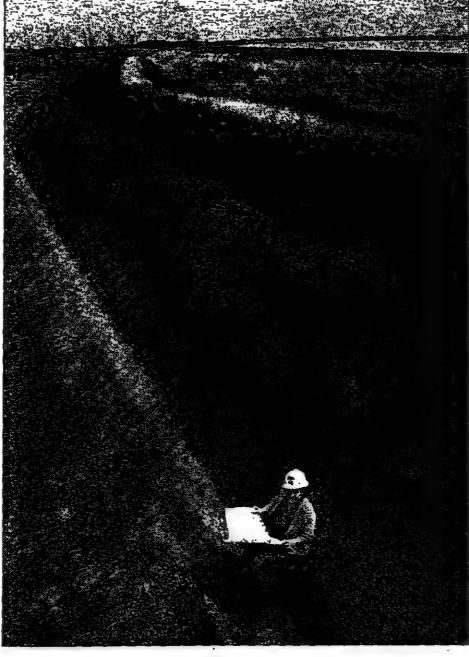
Her Royal Highness sub sequently attended a reception at the Great Hall, Winchester. Captain Edward Musto, RM.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 23: The Princess Margares, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, the Friends of Southwark Cathodral, this afternoon visited a Flower Festival held at the Cathedral in aid of Crisis. Mrs Robin Benson was in

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July 23: Princess Alice, Duches of Gloucester today visited the East of England Show, Peter-borough and was received by Major William Birkbeck (Deput) Leutenant of Cambridgeshirel. Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was

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Louisa Riley, an ecologist, checks work on a two-mile ditch constructed by the builders of the second Severn Bridge to safeguard an environmentally sensitive area. Rare plants include the floating Frogbit plant, pictured

right.
Laing/GTM, an Anglomade the French venture, made the barrier to isolate its narrow construction site on the Gwent Levels, a South Wales coastal strip of special scientific interest. The group is using the site to build huge components for the £300 million project that will span

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the estuary in a three-mile combination of causeways and a suspension bridge.

The Gwent Levels are crisscrossed by a network of open ditches called rhines. Al-though an intensive farming region these linked drainage ditches have been virtually untouched since Roman times. The group uses its ditch to capture the site-con-

taminated water flow. Ms Riley, the project's en-vironmental liaison officer, said: "The giant ditch is the only way we can ensure that not get into the rhines."

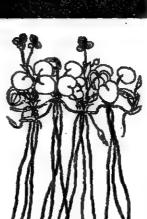
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Calls to the Bar



Birthdays today Mr John Ambler, former chair-man, Texaco, 58; Baroness Blanch, 55; Sir Trevor Chinn,

chairman, Lex Service, 57; Mr Robin Cutler, director-general, Forestry Commission, 58; Lord Digby, 68; Lord Fisher, 71: Sir Edward Ford, secretary and reg-istrar. Order of Merit, 82: M Jacques Foureux, rugby player, 45; Mr C.E.A. Hambro, chairman, Hambros, 62; Mr J.W. Hele, former high master, St Paul's School, 66; Mr Wilfred Paul's School, 66: Mr. Wilsred Josephs, composer, 65: Vice Admiral Sir David Loram, 68: Mr. Neil McIntosh, former director, VSO, 45: Mr. Edwin Mirvish, proprietor, Old Vic Theatre, 78: Sir Colin Southgate, chamman and chief executive, THORN and their executive, THOKN
EMI, 54; Miss Nora Swinburne,
acress, 90; Mr Quialan Terry,
architect. 55; Professor Frank
Thistlethwaite, founding vicechancellor, University of East
Anglia, 77; Mr Peter Yares, film
director and producer, 63.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will amend the closing sessions of the Duke of Edin-burgh's seventh Commonwealth Study conference as the Flayhouse. Theatre, Oxford, at 9.20am. The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the UK Trustees, will also attend. The Prince of Wales will attend a gala concert at Glyndebourne Festival Opera at 5.30. Princess Alexandra will open the new Menual Health Unit of the

Ealing Health Authority at Ea-ling Hospital at 11.30; and will rake the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tour

University news University of Wales

The following have received bonorary degrees Mr Dafydd Dafis, for environmental conservation work, MSc; Professor Sir Brian Follen, zoologist LLD; Mr Neil Kinnock, former Labour leader, LL D; Lord Morris of Castlemorris, LLD; Mr Howard Morris, Treasurer of UWIST and Univ Coll Cardiff LL D: Professor Kenichi Fukui. chemist, DSc; Professor Jean Thomas, biochemist, DSc; Mr building conservation, D Lin; Mr Gwyn Erfyl, for work in Welsh

Funeral service

Miss M. Dougal The Barl of Halifax, Chairman of the Trustees of the British Sporting Art Trust, was represented by Mr Peter Johnson at the innera service of Miss Mary Dougal held

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Forthcoming marriages Flying Officer T.M. Strode, RAF, and Miss M.C. Parsqus

Mr C.J. Anciff and Miss J.S. Wilcockson The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Ancliff, of Stamford. Lincolnshire, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs 19. Wilcockson, of Keston,

Mr J.J.M. Cheade and Miss A.S. Hey The engagement is announced between Justin, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Cheatle, of Speffington, Leicestershire, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs. W.D. Hey, of Grange over Sands, Cumbria.

Mr M.D.J. Elear mr M.D.J. Eigar and Miss K.R.S. Wilkinson The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs John Elgar, of and Mrs John Elgar, and Hornington, Whishire, and Katherine, younger daughter of Lieuterant Colonel and Mrs David Wilkinson, of East Cholderton, Hampshire.

Mr D. Embleton

and Miss M.J. Quilter
The engagement is announced between Dennis, son of the late Dr. Philip Embleton and of Mrs Embleton, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Melissa, daughter of the late W.R.C. Quiter, formedy of Onehouse Lodge, Stowmarket, Suffolk ami of Mrs Reginald Hill. of Holfield Grange, Coggeshall,

Mr. J.D. Gibbs and Miss G.E. Sesger. The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.A. Gibbs, of Lichfield, ... Suffordshire, and Georgina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Seager, of Cobbsen, Scotter, Seager, Seag

Cobham, Surrey. Mr BO.D. Havilies and Miss J.C. Hackett

The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of Dr and Mrs T.D. Mawkins, of Little Wilbraham, Cambridge, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hackett, of Werksop, Mr J.F.D. Herchings

and Miss N.R.C. Ottoo St The engagement is amnounced between James, eldest son of Major and Mrs Edgar Huschings, of Withypool, Somesset, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mass-Christopher Orme-Snatth... of

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Rongai, Kenya.

Harland, of Budleigh Salterton, Mr P.A. Sknodne kad Miss X.S.J. Robbitson ** *

between Peter, third son of Mr Garelochhead, Dumbartoristire, and Anna, elder dauginer of Mr and Mrs Gooffrey Robinson, of Clifton, Bristol.

The Rev R.J. Slipper and Miss H.C. Merrian

New Costessey, Norfolk, and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr David Merriam, of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, and of Mrs. Caroline Merriam, of Dedham;

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Simon Boliver, Eber- Company ator of South America. Caracan. Venezuela; 1783; Alexandre Dumas père, novelist, Villers-Concrètz, 1802; Frank Wede-kind, dramatist, Hanover, 1864; E.F. Benson, witter, Wellington College, 1867; Ernst Bloch, composer, Geneva, 1880. DEATHS: George Vertue, en-graver, London, 1756; John Sell Comman, watercolourist, London, 1842; Martin van Buren, eighth

between Toby, son of Mrs D.E. Jordan, of Malmesbury, Witshire, and Mary, younger daughter of Mrs A. Parsons, of Sherston, Witshire. Mr J.A. Trafford and Miss K.F. Davies The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Trafford, of

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ror and ours Kichard Trafford, of Topsham, Devon, and Katle, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Davies, of Eastwood, Harafordshim Mr D. Watkins

and Miss C.J.M. Kempson The engagement is announced between Daniel Watkins, of Los Angeles, California and Cara Jane Mary, daughter of the late Major P.M. Kempson and of Mrs N.C. Kempson, of Bexhill Sussex Mr J.J. Woods and Ms R.J. Davies

and Ms R.J. Davies
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Jex. elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Woods, of Ampunil. Bedfordshire. and Kosemary, elder daughter of Mrs G.M. Wright, of Peterborough and the late Mr R.G. Whitby.

Marriages

and Miss J.S.L. Maidand

The marriage mok place on Saurday, July 18, at St James's Church, Louth, between Mr Timothy Brocklehurst, son of Mr and Mrs Ben Brocklehurst, of Beech Hanger, Ashural Kentand Miss Jemima Maidand. daughter of Mr and Mrs William Martland, of Somersby House, Lincolnahure. The Rev Canon Roger Massingberd-Mundy

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was amended by Louis Brockletaurs. Laura Bulwer-Long, Venetia Maltland and David and Richard Green, Mr David Boscawen was

A reception was held at the bride's home.

Mr H.S.F. Williams and Cir Miss M.A. Wood The marriage took place on Sharriage July 18, at St Lawrence Jeany-acut-Guildhall, City of London, of Huw Benedict Fairfax Williams, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Williams, of Edinburgh. a Margrit Anna Wood, daughter ed Mr and birs Michael I. Wood, of Bracknell, Berlethire.

The acception was held at the House of Commons by coursesy of Mr Richard Tracey, MP, and the honeymoon is being spent in

Mr.D.M. Wysses.
and Miss A.D.C. Balland
The generated took place on July
18, at St. Pener's Church.
Thumsteringth, of Mr. David Mark Wymen, second son of Mr. and Mrs Desis Woman, of Pesth, Australia, and Miss Adelaine Deborah Claire Ballard, elder demphter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Behard, of Shinway, Colchester, Essex. The Rev Geoffrey Lang

The engagement is unnounced The bride, given in marriage by between Robert, younger son of her father, was attended by Miss Mr and Mrs Dennis Slipper, of Arabella Bellard, Charlotte Henley, Felicity and Joselyn Wyman. Christopher Cooper was the best

The reception was held at seighton House and the honeyrecon will be spent in the USA.

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president of the USA 1837-41, Kinderhook, New York, 1862; Kinderhook, New York, 1862;
Matthew Webb, the first English
Channel swimmer, drowned in
an attempt to swim the Niagara
Faib rapids, 1863; Sacha Guiny,
actor and playwright, Paris,
1957; Sir James Chadwick, physicist, Nobel laureste 1935, 1974;
Peter Sellers, film actor, 1980.

The following have been installed officers of the Plaisterers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R.D.M. Jordan: Upper J. Warden, Mr R.D. Lincoln. Mr H.J.W. Warrell has been appointed Deputy Master.

The following have been installed officers of the Clothworkers' Com-pany for the ensuing year: Mat-ter, Mr John N. Horne: First Warden, Mr Peter J.S. Rawson; Second Warden, Mr Richard H. Jones: Third Warden, Mr Paul C.R. Water, Fourth Warden, Mr

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DEATHS

You since are the Lord: you created the heavens, the highest heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the ease and all that is in them. You give life to them all and the heavenly host worships you. Nebeniah 9x6 REB

RIETHS BALDWIN - On July 23rd 1992 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Eruma and Christopher, a daughter, Isabelle Rose. BERROW - On July 16th. to Miranda and Paul a daughter, a sister for Grace.

BRIERLEY - On July 22nd, to Michael and Rachel Inco Mee), a son, Thomas En art a prother for James and Christopher. COMM - On July 17th, to Marian (née Newton) and Michael, a daughter, Rachei James

COXON - On July 13th 1992. to Felicity (née Burye) and Roy, a son, Alexander David Roy, a brother for Dawn, Micholas, Victoria and

DIXON - On July 15th at RHCH. Winchester, to Kate (née Borton) and John, twins Miranda and Oliver, a sister and brother for Annabel, Elizabeth and Sarah. GRAHAM - On July 18th, to Lesley (née Shallcross) and Nell, a daughter, Harolyn Emma Annellese.

RIDD - On July 16th 1992, at St George's Hospital Tooting, to Caroline mée Daisy and Jasper, a son. Archie. ROLUBAYEV - On July 7th, at the Human Hospital Wellington. to Whitney and mil. a daughler. Caliment Ann. a sister for Alexandra. LIPMAN - On July 12th 1992, to Susan mée Corati and Ian, a daughter, Stephante Leah, a sister for Entity, Vancaus and Jeunifer.

and Jenney - On July 11th. at Treiske Hospital, Truro. to Gillian and Jonathan, a daughter, Frederica Alice, sister to Joshua. Sebastian and Harriet. SHARPE - On July 18th, to Lise (note Gianville) and Andrew, a son. Harry Augustus Darwen. STEPHENS - On July 23rd, to Annie (née Swinfen Green) and Dave, a son. Peter John, a brother for Cara-Spiler.

VON BERTELE - On July 20th, at B.M.H. Iseriahn, to Frances (nice Loudon), wife of Michael, a son, Benedick James, a brother for Kitty and Anna. DEATHS

ARCHER - On Thesday July 14th, at Buxton, Derbys, Affred Geoffrey (Freddie), aged 90 years, the beloved Lesley (née Shallcross) and Neil, a daughter. Harolyn Emma Anneliese.
GREEN - On July 15th at St Mary's, Mellon Mowhray to Rosemary and Chris, a son, James Christopher Murray. A brother for Jennifer. Sophie and Anna. At lest!
GROGAN - On July 17th, to Karen (née Preston) and John, a daughter. Katherine Sarah, a sister to Michael.
JENKINS - On July 16th 1992 to Deborah (née Ball) and Christopher, a daughter.
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DEATHS BARNARD - On July 22nd.
peacefully surrounded by
love and care. Eric Alfred.
aged 82. Beloved husband of
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Cremation private on July
29th. Family flowers only,
but donations if desired to the
Fleming Memorial Cancer
Fund c/o Dr. Adrian
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Sussex. tel: (0424) 436386. BARMARD - On July 22nd, peacefully surrounded by love and care. Eric Alfred. aged 82. Beloved hubband of Pamela, dearly loved talher of Nicholas and grandfather of Nicholas and grandfather of Matthew, Daniel. Christopher and Alexander. Crenation private on July 29th. Famuly flowers only, but donations if desired to the Fleming Memorial Cancer Fund c/o Dr. Adrian Timothy. St. Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 72H. Memorial Service at St. Luke's. Chrissan, in late September.

BARRETT - On July 22nd. peacefully at home, Helena, aged 82, widow of Toby, mother of Bentia, Sonya and mother of Bentia, Sonya and Jacqueline. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Haselbury Piucknest. on Wednesday July 29th at 2.15pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Docations would be appreciated for the Mulciple Sciencis Society of Stoodley & Son Funeral Directors.

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BELL - On July 16th, suddenly at house. North Bell of Redcilife Street. Kersington, sister of Alleen Kerr of Helensbursh, Scotland. Crematorium on Tuesday July 28th at 2.30 ptn, No flowers by request. Dogations to your special charity, Puneral Dir. W. Buckle & Sons. 071 362 0993.

SHOORE - On July 16th, contentedly at his home in Southern Spain, Peter-Oakley intreplid aviator; dearly loved father of Peter. Christopher, Russell, Laura and Erdly, A lover of life he died as he lived his way.

BULFITT - On July 23rd, peacefully at home, Mary, Loved and missed by family and friends, Funeral Service at Portsmouth Cathedral at 10.45 am on Tuesday July 28th. No flowers please Donations to Friends of Counters Mountbatten House', Moorgreen Hospital, Bolley Road, West End. Southampton, 903 3.78.

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Answers from page 16 FLAVID . (a) Yellow, or yellowish at least, from the Latin flavidas yellow; compare and contrast with fulsons; Nabokov, Lollie: "Spiriting into his heavy lidded eye, ripping his flavid toga." RASORIAL

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SULAIMAN FRANJIEH

Sulaiman Bey Franjich, Maronite Christian war-lord and president of Lebanon from 1970 to 1976, died yesterday aged 82. He was born on June 15, 1910.

SULAIMAN Franjieh presided over, and bears some responsibility for, the collapse of the Lebanese state in the mid-1970s and the country's descent into the civil war and anarchy from which, only now, it may be emerging. He was a za'im - the leader of a clanbased faction - from the mountain community of Zghorta in northern Lebanon. Franjieh belonged to the Maronite Christian community which inherited from its French protectors a preponderance of political power in independent Lebanon. enjoying — under the unwritten National Pact of 1943 — the exclusive right to the presidency of the republic. He was the last of his generation of "war lords" - others included Pierre Gemayel, Camille Chamoun and Kamal Jumblatt who had controlled Lebanon since independence and was renowned for his toughness and ruthlessness.

Suleiman Franjieh was born when Lebanon was still part of the Otto-man empire. His father was a close friend of the father of Hafez al-Assad who was to become president of Syria and he remembered playing with Hafez and his brother Rifaat when they were six-year-olds. This childhood relationship may have enhanced his strong pro-Syrian stance

Franjieh ran an import-export business in Beirut in the 1930s. He spent those early years in the shadow of his abler elder brother Hamid, a man widely considered as a future president in the 1950s. Franjieh only inherited his "fief" and his following after Hamid was forced by a stroke to retire from active politics. Sulaiman Franjieh's early reputation was that of a man of violence. In 1957 he fled to Syria to escape imprisonment for an affray in which his followers (he denied being present in person) had killed several members of a rival clan. The following year, during Lebanon's brief "first civil war", he returned and led the forces in the Zghorta area opposed to the government of President Camille Chamoun. These forces — some 5,000 strong — became known as the "Marada" (Giants).

In 1960 he was elected a national assembly deputy for Zghorta and held various ministerial posts during the ensuing decade including the ministries of agriculture, justice, interior and economy.

His election as president in 1970 came as a surprise and was achieved by a margin of one vote in the 99member parliament, provoking a fist fight in the assembly during which Franjieh fought physically with the rostrum and declare himself president. Shooting broke out all over the capital as his supporters drove through the streets celebrating. Franjich was in fact a compromise candidate, chosen at the last minute by a motley coalition of groups

opposed to the "Chehabists" (followers of General Fuad Chehab) who had been in power since 1958. He was acceptable to Muslims because he had taken the anti-Chamoun side in 1958, when Chamoun had called in American military help to save his presidency, but was believed by fellow-Maronites to be tough enough to deal with the increasingly unruly

Palestinian guerrillas.
Immediately after his election
Franțieh began — in classic za'im
style — in distribute major offices among his friends and supporters. It was loked in Beirut that as long as you came from Zghorta you would get a good job. But his greatest favour was reserved for his son Tony, who inherited his parliamentary seat and was soon promoted to the cabinet, where he proved a disastrously corrupt and incompetent minister of posts and telecommunications. His ather stubbornly refused to have him removed from office, and would appoint no prime minister who was unwilling to keep him in the

Franjieh's presidency saw the triumph of the Lebanese spoils system and the abandonment of any serious attempt at social or economic reform. But even worse for the country's future was his inept handling of the army and of the Sunni Muslim political elite. He undermined the prestige and effectiveness of the former by purging the military

side and his presidential palace became virtually that side's headquarters.

Franjieh was deeply hostile to the Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon. denouncing them later as "savage wolves" who had tried to devour their hosts. "They came as guests in 1949 when the new Israeli nation threw them out. We gave them every possible hospitality... Eventually they turned into savage wolves and sought to kill their hosts and become masters of Lebanon. "

In January 1976, as the war spread outside Beirut and threatened to partition the country, Franjieh accepted a Syrian initiative for a ceasefire, imposed by Palestinian troops under Syrian officers, to be followed by a political solution under which the Muslims would make some limited political gains at the expense of the Christians. But this came too late. The left had now scented victory and the army was breaking up on confessional lines. Calls for Franjieh's resignation were heard on all sides, and on March 25 he was driven out of his palace by artillery fire from mutinous Muslim units. In early April, with Syrian approval, the Lebanese parliament passed a constitutional amendment allowing Franjieh's successor to be chosen up to six months before his term was formally due to end in September. In May the Syrians obtained the election of their preferred candidate, Elias Sarkis, In spite of this, Franjich insisted on serving out his full term. In June he acquiesced (no formal invitation bearing his signature has ever been produced) in the intervention of Syrian troops to protect the Christian areas - and what was left of the Lebanese constitutional order against the leftist-Palestinian

After leaving office, while other Christian leaders soon turned against the Syrian presence in Lebanon, Franjieh - whose links with Syria went back to his exile there twenty years earlier — aligned himself firmly with the Syrian position. He left the "Lebanese Front" (the alliance of right-wing Christian par-ties), and refused to accept the growing dominance of the Gemayel family within the Christian enclave. He took his Marada militia back to the snows of his Ehden stronghold and from that time was regarded as a traitor by the largest Christian Maro-

In June 1978 Bashir Gemayel, the commander of the "Lebanese Forces", reacted to what the Phalangists saw as Franjieh's traitorous act by sending a strong detachment of milita to attack Franjieh's mountain stronghold of Ehden, where they killed his son Tony together with the latter's wife and baby daughter and 32 of the cian's followers. It was a terrible blow to Sulaiman Franjieh who remained thereafter an implacable enemy of the Gemayels and a firm supporter of the Syrians.

Franjieh grieved immensely for his murdered son, hungered for revenge

and continued to nurse the ambition to regain the Lebanese presidency. He believed that during his occupancy of the presidential palace he had succeeded in preventing Israeli expansion into Lehanon and he accused his Christian rivals, the Phalange, of having become agents of the Israelis. His antipathy towards the Israeli state extended further than politics and was seen by some as bordering on anti-Semitism. He would claim that the Jewish Talmud provided irrefutable proof of an anti-Christian pogrom by the Jews of Arabia and that the West was prone

to "Zionist pressure". When the Lebanese president elect. Bashir Gemayel, was assassinated shortly before taking office in 1982 Franjieh did nothing to disguise his satisfaction, expressing disappointment only that he was not personally responsible. The following year he was one of the Lebanese leaders who participated in an abortive "conference of reconciliation" in Switzerland but he spurned the gestures of the Gemayels - who held him responsible for the murder of at least one member of their family and the two clans remained sworn enemies. Franjieh was the only senior figure who refused to join a new government of national unity under the presidency of Amin Gemayel, the brother of the assassinated Bashir, because of the presence in the cabinet of men whom he regarded as Israeli agents. Instead he attempted to extend his own Maronite fieldom in the Cedar Mountains above Ehden by advancing into the Khoura district but this effort was halted by the Syrian forces which enforced a ceasefire on Franjieh's Marada militia at a cost of 40 lives, most of them

In 1985 Franjieh met the Muslim Shia leader, Nabih Berri, and Walid Jumblat, the Druze leader, in Damascus in what was seen as another move aimed at deposing Amin Gemayel from the presidency.

At the age of 78 Franjieh an-

nounced that he would stand again for the presidency when Amin Gemayel's term expired in September 1988. In the event the elections were not held until 1989 by which time his health was failing. Only his most loyal supporters are

likely to remember Sulaiman Franjieh warmly. A hard man who chain smoked and loved hunting and playing poker, his presidency was marked by a corrupt and inefficient administration. He bore a considerable responsibility for allowing the country to slide into civil war, making no serious attempt to stop the

He blamed the Palestinian guerrillas for Lebanon's plight and hoped the conflict would curb their power. Yet he was totally unresponsive to the pressing social and economic needs of the majority of the population. Christian and Muslim.

In August 1990, apparently with Franjieh's blessing, his 24-year-old grandson Suleiman Jr - Tony's son - announced that he had taken over control of the Franijeh fieldom.

APPRECIATIONS

Sir Patrick Meaney

TOWARDS the end of last year, Sir Patrick Meaney (obituary. July 20) completed a record ten years as president of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Although this was an honorary position, it will surprise no one who knew him that he was extremely active in the role and thoroughout this period offered invaluable guidance to the many chairmen, heads of professional staff and directors-general who held office during this period.

His independent perspective must have been one of the factors behind his business success. His advice was often unexpected. Once, discussing a key appointment matter he said to me, "You should not totally trust your instincts. They may not always be right. But they should be carefully considered for there must be some substance to create such views". On another occasion he said "I tend to like and trust people who try to make life simpler. TOL complicated."

His presidency was an oustanding period seeing the institute double in turnover and membership to its current position where with some 50,000 members and students, it has become the preeminent body of professional marketing people in the

He helped us create the working relationship with the Department of Trade and Industry that led to the remarkably successful Marketing Initiative which directly



benefitted some 12,000 companies. He helped us forge links with many opinion leaders interested in business development including the Prince of Wales. He helped create a distinguished panel of vicepresidents from the top of British industry including Sit Colin Marshall who succeeded him as president.

Sir Patrick attended and supported countless institute events usually adding perceptive and provocative views to the discussions. Above all, he was warm, witty and friendly. He had the skill of many successful people of focussing on what mattered, getting the maximum from every day yet. despite an intense schedule. always appearing to have the time necessary to resolve every issue. All of us in the institute

> Roger Hawood. chairman Chartered Institute of Marketing

Sir John Barnes

I HOPE I might be permitted to add a footnote to the admirable contribution made by Sir John Barnes in public service (obituary, June 24). There was another side to

John Barnes. He retired in Sussex, in the village of Hurstpierpoint, where he immediately took the wellbeing of the people of the rural communities of the two counties of Sussex to his heart. For seven years he was chairman of the Sussex Rural Community Council, a task he assumed when its fortunes were at a low ebb. He applied his skills of drive and enterprise to the cause of bringing the plight of the less well-off in the countryside to the public notice, and by his advocacy, assisted in the formation of the national association of rural community councils - Action solutions to the increasing With Communities in Rural England (ACRE) - which now does such excellent work



ground of the Rural Development Commission.

John Barnes brought order and encouragement to his council, but, more importantly, he persuaded the other voluntary and statutory organisations with concerns in the field to work together to find problems facing those less fortunate living in our villages.

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Ted Fenton

ATTHE outset of my ministry at East Ham Mission Ted Fenton (obituary, July 16) readily supported our young people's work there, and at Becontree Heath, Dagenham.

July 24 ON THIS DAY

as the eyes and ears on the

At West Ham his name was synonymous with success, flair and skill. He had a great gift of motivation and our clubs and churches were greatly encouraged in their work.

Rev Dr R. John Tudor

PIERRE URI

intelligence unit (Deuxième Bureau)

which had made itself unpopular in

the years of Chehabist rule; and, by

his half-hearted attempts to use force

against the Palestinians in 1973

(after refusing to dismiss an army

commander who had ignored gov-ernment orders to defend Beirut

against an Israeli attack) he helped

destroy the army's reputation for

impartiality. By quarrelling on this issue with the leading Sunni Muslim

politician, Saeb Salam, and then

seeking to govern through a succession of weak and unrepresentative

prime ministers, Franiieh alienated

the Sunni elite which was the main

partner of the Maronites in the

National Pact, and played into the

hands of forces which were

polarising the country on a confes-

When the civil war started in the

spring of 1975 Franjieh attempted to

resolve the crisis by appointing a

military government with his friend

General Iskander Ghanem - the

army commander he had refused to

dismiss in 1973 — as defence

minister. This government was re-

jected by the entire Muslim commu-

nity and resigned after three days in

office. Fransieh was forced to accept

his opponent. Rashid Karami, as

prime minister, but thereafter virtual-

government as such. His own private

militia was heavily engaged in the fighting on the right-wing Maronite

ceased to cooperate with the

Pierre Uri, French economist and one of the architects of the European Community died in Paris on July 21 aged 80. He was born in Paris on November 20, 1911.

BORN into a middle class Jewish family, Pierre Uri had intended after becoming agreed in philosophy at the clite Ecole Normale Superieure to follow his father's footsteps as a university professor. But the war and the anti-Semitic Vichy regime intervened and forced a

change of plan. Under a decree issued by the Vichy government in October 1940 all Jews were banned from a wide variety of cultural and intellectual professions including the judiciary, the press and teaching, as well as from serving in the armed forces, any elected post, or the higher echelons of the civil

service. Pierre Uri was obliged to leave his teaching post in Rheims and embarked instead on preparing postgraduate degrees in economics, law, and business studies, which he duly obtained, but not before having escaped by the skin of his teeth from a Nazi roundup of Jews destined for the German extermination camps in east- Europe. Of some 75,000 Jews deported from France during the war, only 2,600 were to return.

After the war he entered the French government acting as rapporteur of the commission which prepared the first national economic budget. Jean Monnet, one of the founding fathers of the European Community, asked him to study how the Marshall Plan funds could best be used to boost economic recovery in France. At the same time, Uri was drafted in to serve as one of the first professors at France's new

postgraduate school for highflying civil servants, the Ecole Nationale d'Administration. In 1951, Jean Monnet asked Uri to draft a memorandum on a "possible harmonis-ation of national policies in

Europe regarding coal and steel". Uri, then aged 39, immediately settled down to work, dictating that very night the basis of what was to become the European Coal and Steel Community, the precursor of the Common Market.

Having helped guide through the negotiations and to draft the final legal document. Uri went with Monnet to Luxembourg to set up the new Coal and Steel Community, serving as one of its directors from 1952 to 1959. When, after the failure of the European Defence Community in the mid-1950s, the

Belgian, Paul-Henri Spaak, put forward the idea for a

European common market, it formed by François Mitterwas again Uri who, on Monnet's recommendation, was called upon to draft the text which was to serve as the basis of the negotiations for the Treaty of Rome in 1957.

Having thus helped launch the fledgling European Com-munity. Uri decided in 1959 to join the American bank, Lehman Brothers, for a couple of years (he spoke English well, having studied at Prince-ton University), before joining the Atlantic Institute where he carried out research for Nato as well as writing a large number of books on Europe, political economy, and Third World development.

At the same time, he became politically engaged, becoming one of the leaders of the Féderation de la Gauche Démocratique et Socialiste (a precursor of the French Social-ist party) and joining the "counter-government"

rand against General de Gaulle in 1966. Uri continued to see Mitterrand on regular occasions throughout the 1970s, putting forward a flood of proposals on tax reform, the social security system, nationalisations and so forth, and helping prepare for Mitterrand's accession to

When Mitterrand was elect-

ed president in 1981, Uri had high hopes of becoming his minister of finance. "In the situation bequeathed to us. 1 would be very frightened of becoming minister of finance, but I would be even more frightened if it were someone else!" he is said to have confided at the time. Pierre Uri was never known for his modesty. But although Mitterrand continued to listen to his advice, he never called him to that post or to any other government office, apparently deeming him, at the age of 69, too old to become a minister. though Gaston Deferre, Minerrand's minister of the interior, was older.

In bestowing the Grand Cross of the National Order of Merit on Pierre Uri last year, Mitterrand described him as "a founder of Europe - one of those who most deserve to be considered as the architects of this immense construction". Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission. likewise paid tribute to Uri as "one of the main architects of the construction of Europe" on learning of his death.

A lover of classical music and a man of great charm with an often malicious sense of humour. Pierre Uri was renowned as a redoubtable conference debater who could annihilate opponents with one thrust of his rapier intellect.

He leaves a widow and four

AN IMPORTANT Roman

The deposit dates to between AD 225 and 280, a period from which "most sites have no pottery whatsoever", according to Dr Jason Monaghan, of the York Archaeological Trust. He believes that the mixture of kitchen and tableware comes from the fortress of Eboracum, and was dumped alongside the main road from the North-West. The glassware includes fac-

would have graced the best tables in Eboracum

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couple would make their home with her. At the wedding, the Queen, who gave away the bride, wore black saiin and the Koh-i-noor diamond. Prince Henry died Ashanti expedition.

Princess Beatrice (1857-

1944), fifth daughter and youngest child of Queen Victoria, was the one who stayed at home. She fell in

ve with Prince Henry of

Battenberg and married him

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THE ROYAL WEDDING. COWES, JULY 23.

The marriage of Princess Beatrice with Prince Henry of Battenberg was solemnized this morning at Whippingham Church. The ceremony was a happy compromise between the splendour that becomes a State function of the first magnitude and the simplicity that accords with a domestic

At noon the distant booming

of guns announced that the hour of the ceremony was

approaching. It was not, how-ever, until a quarter to one that the first carriage of the pro-cession emerged from the Queen's-gate. The first carriages were each drawn by two bay horses, the coachmen and footmen on the box being in scaries, the colour of the Royal livery. As the carriages drove along the road at a rapid trot. the occupants were greeted with cheers and other manifestations of loyalty by the spectators. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught received a warm welcome, and still more enthusiasm was evoked by the appearance of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters. The cheers of the crowd were continuously acknowledged by his Royal Highness, who bowed right and left with head

ncovered. An interval of about 10 minutes elapsed after his Royal Highness's departure for the church before the carriages bearing the bridegroom and his supporters drove through the gates of the Royal gardens. The equipage was drawn by two gray horses ridden by possilions. His Serene Highness, who was at once recognised, was received with every demonstration of cordiality. His appearance was every-where the subject of respectful

The interior of the church, a modest little edifice built in 1860 at the cost of the Queen and the Prince Consort. was very prettily, though unpreten-tiously, decorated with flowers. While Wagner's Bridal March swelled from the organ, the four Chamberlains, walkthe Queen, who with slow and stately step ascended the aisle on the left of the bride, at whose right hand walked the Prince of Wales dad in the uniform of a Field-Marshal. Her Majesty was attired in black satin, and among the jewels which she had on the Koh-i-noor was conspicuous. The Princess Beatrice was robed in a dress of white satin covered with rich Honiton lace draped with clusters of orange flowers, and part of which is said to have figured 45 years ago on the wedding dress of Her Majesty The train of the dress was short and of white satin. The bride carried a bouquet composed of rare white exotics. Behind the heid walked her bridesmaids, ten in number, dressed in white, and carrying bouquets of steph-

The simple marriage service of the English Church occupied but a very short time. The Queen having taken her place on the tabourer on the right hand of the altar table, the Prince of Wales being by her, and the bride and bridegroom being placed side by side before the altar rails, the Archbishop. advancing from the right of the Communion table, began to read the opening passages of the service for the solemnization of matrimony...

Dinner

Durham Union Society Mr Edward Leigh. Under-Sec-retary of State for Trade, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons to mark the 150th anniversary of the Durham Union Society. Mr Angus Withington, president, Mr Paul Houghton and Mr Richard Chalk also spoke. Professor James Barber, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Durham University was among those present.

Luncheon

Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonfarewell luncheon given by Her Maiesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the Malaysian High Comm-

Service dinner

TARVRA The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended a dinner of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London hed last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters. Colonel Sir Greville Spratt pre-

The Rev Canon Robert Willis. Vican Sherborne w Castleton and Lillington, a Canon and Prebend of Salisbury Cathedral, and Rural Dean of Sherborne, diocese Salisbury, is to be Dean of Hereford. succeeding the Very Rev Peter Haynes who retired in April. The Rt Rev Derek Bond, Bishop of Bradwell, diocese of Chelmsford, is to retire as from July 31.

Clergy appointments The Rev Anne Ballard, Chaplain-to the Royal College of Music: to be Precentor, Cathedral Church of Christ, Oxford (Oxford). The Rev Dr Alan Billings, Vice Principal, Ripon College. Cuddesdon (Oxford): to be Prin-cipal. West Midlands Ministerial Training Course (Birmingham).
The Rev Alan Boddy: to be Chaplain to HM Prison.
Highdown (Guildford).

The Rev Geoffrey Clarkson: to be Chaplain to HM Prison. Coldingley, and Chaplain to HM Prison. Send (Guildford). The Rev Canon Christopher Coiven, Vicar, St Stephen, Gloucester Road, South Kensington: to be also Area Dean of Kensington (London). The Rev John Cooke, Vicar, Learnington Holy Trinity and

Old Milverton St James to be also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral (Coventry).

The Rev John Cooper, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Bingley: to be Vicar, St James, Silsden (Bradford). The Rev Cadoc Davies, retired: to he key Caooc Davies, refrict in be part-time Assistant Curate. Ridgeway, Wantage (Oxford). The Rev Hugh Dibbens, Team Rector, Chigwell Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Hornchurch, St Andrew (Chelmsford).

The Rev Dr Kenneth Forster, fulltime Chaplain at the University of Humberside, who is to retire as from 1 September, will be ap-pointed Assistant Priest (NSM). Hull, St Mary Sculcoates (York) as from September 29.
The Rev Simon Foster. Assistant Curate. Church of the Holy Spirit. Bedgroe, Aylesbury (Oxford): to be Assistant Curate, Rectorial

benefice of Glyncorrwg The Rev Ian Gemmell. Vicar, St Christopher, Leicester, to be also Rural Dean of Christianity South

The Rev John Gillingham, di-ocesan Missioner (Birmingham); to be Vicar, St Clements, Oxford (Oxford). The Rev John Godfrey, Chaplain.

Limassol and Paphos (Cyprus

Church news Curate, West Woodhay (Oxford). The Rev Tom Hewson, Assistant Curate, St Andrew's, Chinnor: to be Team Vicar. Hitcham, Burnham Team Ministry

Oxford).
The Rev Ian Hedges, Vicar, St Mark, Farthorough: to be also Archdeaconry Training Officer for Pastoral Assistants, diocese of Guildford. Guidiord.

The Rev Robert Hutchings.

Honorary Curate, Swinford All

Saints: to be Honorary Curate.

Newtown Linford All Saints

(Leicester). The Rev Evan Jones. Vicar, St John of Jerusalem w Christ Church. South Hackney: to be Vicar. St James w St Peter, Islington (London). The Rev David Kennedy, Vicar,

New Seaham (Durham): 10 be

full-time Ecumenical Chaptain to the University of Humberside The Rev David Kirby. Assistant Curate. Christ Church, Southport (Liverpool): to be Rector, Bishop Burton w Walkington (York).
The Rev Stephen Lyon, Vicar, St
Peter, Norbiton: to be Principal of
the Southwark Local Non-stipendiary Ministry Scheme
(Southwark)

The Rev Phyllis Manhood, Deacon, Fawley: to be Deacon, in charge of St Augustin, Bourne-mouth (Winchester). The Rev William McCoubrey Curate, St Thomas w St Nicholas. Bedhampton: to be Vicar, Stokenham (Exerce).

The Rev Nigel McGregor, Assistant curate. St Mary's Charlton Kings (Gloucester): to be Priest-in-charge. Seal, Puttenham and Wanborough (Guildford). The Rev John Morris. Priest-incharge. St Peter, Lugwardine: St James. Bartestree: St John Bap-tist, Weston Beggard (Hereford): to be Chaplain, Royal Navy. The Rev Canon John Morrison-

Wells, Vicar, St Aidan and St Gregory. Small Heath and St Oswald Borderley (Birmingham): to be Vicar. St Giles. SS Philip and James. w. St Margaret, Oxford [Oxford). The Rev Paul Newman: to be Chaplain to HM Prison. Downview, and Associate Chap-

The Rev Alan Stevens, Curate, St Leonard's w. Holy Trinity. Exeter Exercit to be Team Vicar Designate, Christ Church, Brownsover, Rugby Team Min-

lain to HM Prison, High Down

Dump yields Roman finds

BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHASOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

rubbish dump has been more than 2.000 pieces of pottery and large pieces of glass vessels. Because glass was commonly recycled, it is rarely found in refuse.

et-cut drinking cups and jugs which, like the crockery.

Heads plead for curbs on governors

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers of more than 100 grant-maintained schools have appealed to John Panen, the education secretary, to restrict the power of governors in next week's education white paper. The new Association of Heads of Grant-Maintained Schools has called for a better-defined division of power in schools that opt out of local authority control.

Bob Lloyd, association chairman, said yesterday that a code of practice was needed to clarify the head's responsibility for appointments, ad-missions and budgets. "We have tried to identify the role of the head as chief executive, with specific functions and responsibilities, and the governing body being a strategic group which acts as an interface with the local community rather than getting involved with day-to-day decisions."

The association's submission, reported in today's Times Educational Supplement, said: "Regrettably, in a minority of schools, governing bodies or individual gov-ernors have sought to apply a degree of day-to-day control which ignores the head's leadership role and which prevents effective and efficient management."

Lay involvement in schools.

the paper says, sometimes undermines the professionalism of heads and senior staff. Anecdotal evidence compiled by the association, includes examples of governors' interference in curriculum decisions. The association and the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation have both suggested that some form of arbitration agency may become necessary.

The risk of power struggles was highlighted by the protracted dispute between the head teacher and governors of Stratford School in east London, A Leicester University survey of heads, teachers and governors at the first 100 grant-maintained schools found that 7 per cent of the 290 respondents believed that governors' interventions had become excessive.

The white paper is expected to tackle such difficulties. The education department said yesterday that it had received the association's submission and that Mr Patten

From concise to confused: seven-year-olds assessed



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Making the grade: half the pupils, including the girl whose work is shown, right, were judged to write clearly and with punctuation

Writing skills trail behind reading

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CRITICS of primary school reading standards have been hitting the wrong tar-get, according to a report published today: they should have been directing their fire at the teaching of

writing.
The National Foundation for Educational Research, one of the organisations asked by the government to assess the state of early literacy, judged that reading standards were better than test results had suggested, but writing was the "poor cousin" in many schools.

Standards of writing var-ied widely in 122 schools surveyed in 1990. The authors of the report found that more seven-year-olds needed a "writing rescue" programme than initiatives in reading. Teachers tended to con-

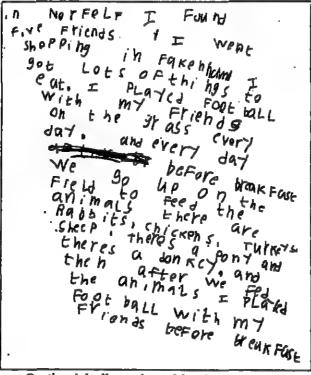
centrate on the "secretarial" aspects of writing. rather than its content. form and style and redraft-ing was often simplistic. "in the main, teachers appeared to have little time to devote to the close scrutiny and discussion of children's written work.' Although teachers ac-

cepted that pupils' writing was affected by what they read, few tried to model writing styles on reading material. Even the assessments of writing ability var-

Writing was less popular with pupils than reading. One child said she disliked it because "it makes my hand and brain ache".

The report largely clears teachers of using the much-criticised progressive meth-ods of teaching reading. Only one in 20 was relying exclusively on the "real books" method, which holds that children pick up reading skills through im-

The teaching of initial literacy (NFER, The Mere. Slough, Berkthire SL1 2DQ; \$6.50)



On the right lines: the writing is clear enough, but the logic is described as "non-standard"

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Varied assessment: this effort was in the same grade as the two on the right

Looking for meaning: this example made the lowest level, and could be read by the teacher

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Ireland and Wales will have brighter weather, mainly dry with sunny spells, and this will spread into all areas after the rain. South

to south-westerly winds will become westerly fresh in the north,

moderate in the south. Outlook: brighter, dry, weather persisting in

most parts, but further rain across Northern Ireland and Scotland.

GP opens up NHS fast track

Continued from page I five of Essex Rivers Health care Trust which incorporates the Colchester General. said the move was unfair to

other GPs.
Initially the trust refused to accept patients referred in the consultants as NHS patients, claiming they should of be charged at private rates. But officials from the NHS management executive intervented when an elderly patient was formed in the charged at the state of t was forced to travel 20 miles to lpswich for a myelogram (x-ray of the spinal cord) on the NHS, after Dr Snell refused to pay the private charge at Colchester. The officials instructed the Colchester hospital that it must treat patients from the practice on the NHS, even though they had been referred by consultants privately.

Dr Snell said he resorted to making private arrange-ments only after he had failed. to negotiate contracts with the hospital. "Basically, they said no to everything. They have annoyed us intensely." He has now placed contracts for 70 per cent of his inpatient work with a local pri-

vate hospital.

But Mr Davison criticised Dr Snell's "rigorous and le-galistic approach" and said he was "not acting within the spirit of the reforms". He said: "The aim was to stimulate competition among hospitals, not among patients within hospitals. If a GP fundholder can arrange fast-er treatment in another hospital, then good luck to him. But we can't have some pa-tients within the Colchester General treated more favourably than others because of

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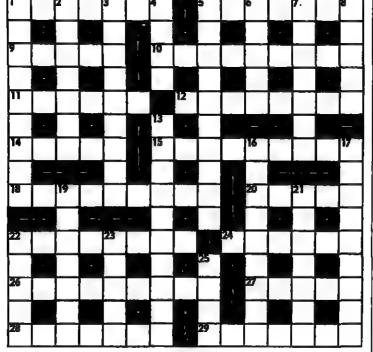
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He said the status of NHS patients who arrived at the hospital as private referrals from consultants was a "grey area" but he had now agreed to charge Dr Snell the same as the three other GP fundholders with which the hosital has contracts.
The British Medical Asso-

ciation said the arrangement "thwarted the spirit" of last year's circular from the health department stipulating that all patients should be treated on a "level playing field." But the health department said the arrangement brought "mutual benefit" by creating spare capacity in our-patients at the hospital, enabling it to reduce waiting for other patients."

Extra cash, page 6

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,979



ACROSS

I Popular impression of opening-

time? (7). 5 Extinct ruminant or ox. you could say (7). 9 Leading rook held in hand (5). 10 For hairdo, men disguised this

red dye (9). 11 Row in park is unpleasant (6). 12 Vestment for church, blue as ordered (8).

14 Good exam result for the brightest star (5).

15 Claret's an adaptation of blood 18 One bringing anguish to soldiers trapped in twin peaks (9).

20 Thomas Bruce, marbles champion (5). 22 For one of these terms, see variety

24 ... in the old Empire? (6).

26 Did it serve, for Dickens, as a matting wicket? (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,978

27 Ruin of a number in pawn endlessly (5).

28 Poor-spirited sort, getting a smaller amount in retirement (7). 29 Place stake? (7).

1 Instructor doomed to take people on square (9).

Warning to leader of privateer from a nautical platform (7). Gothic home of Hugo's squatter? (5,4).

4 Brewer's cart turning up in the area (4). Old druggist made a lot of money, varying each line (10).

6 Nurses set up society (5). 7 One tries to make a purchase. even when on the rocks (7). 8 Undressed kid won over, we hear

13 Bar fittings to keep stock in? (6-4) 16 Cooks joint to make tender, perhaps (9). 17 Runner for tacking on the beach?

19 Tear butter-paper? (7). 21 Pieces of armour for Barking people? (7).

22 Gentleman is a bishop, perhaps. out of work (5). 23 Paving-blocks for Brock's homes

25 Tragedian getting on in part (4).

Concise Crossword. page 9 Life & Times

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

a. 1 cuovana b. As angry as John Osborne c. A pornographic snuff video RASORIAL a. A Royal Academy fellow o.Scratching the ground CREPITOUS

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Answers on page 14

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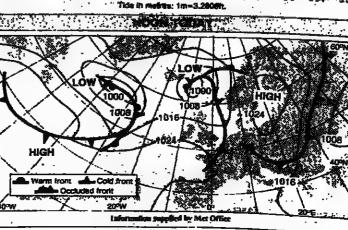
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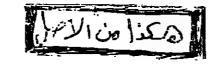
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



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BOUNCE BACK

Japanese share prices rebounded sharply yesterday on reports of an emergency share support Page 18

COMMITTED



Isosceles, the struggling supermarket group, has renegotiated £1.4 billion of bank debt and is committed to a flotation in 1995, a year later than planned

CATALYST

Catalonia is using the Olympic Games, opening tomorrow in Barcelona, to promote itself as an independent region Focus, pages 25-27

TOMORROW



Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra, the fund management group, tells Carol Leonard that he puts ethics, integrity before per-formance and is proud of his honesty

THE POUND

US dollar 1.9117 (+0.0072) German mark 2.8398 (+0.0040) Exchange index 92.0 (+0.2) Bank of England official ciose (4pm)

STOCKMAKET

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INTEREST RATES

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CURRENCIES

London Forex market close

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\$20.50/bbl (\$20.40)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 139.3 June (1987=100) Denotes midday trading price Industry survey detects signs of 'double dip' By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent BRITAIN faces the growing danger of a "double dip" wards a "slow and hesitant is probably the worst place to recovery." The study, conducted among 8,813 companies of

recession, as a weakening service sector in London and the South of England threatens to hold back recovery.

The latest survey by the British Chambers of Commerce sees a North-South divide, with recovery in the North and East threatened by a renewed slump in the

Together with a global economic slowdown, the survey is concerned at the speed of recovery. Richard Brown, the Chamber's director of policy, said. "One or two of our indicators have shown a trailing off," he added. "I think it

is quite worrying."
Christopher Stewart-Smith,
the BCC president, said that for the moment, however, the underlying message from its second quarter business survey, one of Britain's best economic forward indicators, was a continuing trend to-

all sizes in June, found both manufacturing and service sectors experienced slight growth in overall orders dur-

ing the second quarter. Recovery is there, but it is tremendously weak, tremendously fragile and it would take very little to knock it off course," Mr Brown said, Mr Brown said the BCC

survey showed that skill shortwere re-emerging in some regions, and warned that weakness in the South was holding back consumer confidence needed to secure a recovery. The problem was compounded by the patchy distribution of growth. "People are not able to move

- because they can't sell their houses - into the neighbouring region where companies can't find the skills they need,"

Mr Brown added: "London

German inflation signalled to fall

ANNUAL inflation in western Germany is set to drop steeply to about 3.4 per cent this month from 4.3 per cent in June, as indicated by better than expected regional data (Colin Narbrough writes). North Rhine Westphalia

(NRW), Germany's most pop-

ulous region, saw no change in consumer prices in the month to mid-July, slowing annual inflation in the heavily industrialised region from 4.3 per cent in June to 3.3 per cent this month. NRW inflation normally tracks the wider trend, suggesting western German annual inflation will month from 4.3 per cent in

But the sharp deceleration, which should take German annual inflation back below the British rate for the first time since February, is unlikely to hasten any monetary easing by the Bundesbank. Much of the lower inflation this month was attributed to an oil tax introduced last July dropping out of the annual comparison.

Frankfurt economists expect

THE £3 billion Wellcome

share sale is likely to be heavily

scaled down when it closes at

5pm after the Wellcome Trust,

The trust's decision comes

after John Robb, the compa-

ny's chief executive, saw 2

steep fall in the Wellcome

share price in recent weeks.

The shares closed at 830p last night against a price of more than £11.20 before the sale

A spokesman said the trust-

ces of the trust had decided.

that any price under 800p did

not value Wellcome properly.

The trustees have a duty not

to accept less than the fair

value for the shares," he said.

the share price for some time

and the trust is not going to

sell the shares at a price which

it believes is a complete steal

"There has been pressure on

was announced in March.

west German inflation to hold divided over whether VAT increases in January will push up annual inflation again.

believes reduced inflationary pressures will offset much of the VAT hike, giving 3 per 'cent inflation by the second

quarter of next year. Ros Lifton, Germany analyst at Nomura Research, sees underlying German inflation running at about 4 per cent. ☐ The Bank of Spain has raised its key money market cent in an attempt to keep domestic inflation under control and reduce pressure on the peseta since the German tightening. Italy had raised its

sion to tighten control on public spending was seen as signalling support for the pound, despite the likely restraining effect on growth. Sterling closed more than half a cent higher at \$1.9117 and more than a third of a pfennig

steady at about 3.5 per cent for the rest of the year, but are

Thomas Mayer, senior economist at Goldman Sachs,

key lending rates. The British cabinet's decihigher at DM2.8398.

find work at the moment."
The BCC's evidence of the

eakness of Britain's economy tallies with a reassessment of the economic situation from the Engineering Employers Federation. The EEF has put back its prediction of an economic upturn by six months. It says recovery in engineering output, forecast only three months ago to begin now, will not get underway before the year's end.

Ian Thompson, the Federation's economic advisor, said that far from growing by 0.5 per cent during the past 12 months, as the EEF had expected, the economy appeared to have contracted by 0.6 per cent.

However, the EEF remains confident that the total market for engineering products will grow 4 per cent in the next 12 months after a siump of 12 per cent in the previous 24.

The focus of growth will be the car industry, although the EEF warned that because of continuing weak demand in the home market, the recovery will not now take place until

However, output will rise by 6 per cent in the next 12 months. Production is likely to go on rising strongly there-after, aided by output from Toyota's new plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire, now pilot production, and a Honda plant nearing completion at Swindon.

The resurgence of the motor industry, spearheaded by Japanese transplant factories, is starting to show its impact in a growing range of economic

Last month, unemployment fell in two regions the East Midlands and the North West. According to the Cham-bers, the East Midlands was regional economies during the first quarter, with 14 per cent of manufacturers reporting increased orders.

Manufacturing orders also strengthened markedly in the North East, where Nissan is located, on Merseyside and even in the South.

The service sector, which had been leading the recovery. saw a continuing recovery in most manufacturing regions. but falling orders in the London, the South and East

raise more than £1.6 billion.

Once reinvested, the funds

would produce a huge boost to

the trust's income, which is

used to fund medical research.

Until now, the City had

expected the shares to sell on a

5 per cent discount to the

market price. Wellcome's tough stand a day before the

offer closes means institutions

must bid for shares at a

discount of 3.5 per cent or less

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and price of the offer and the

allocation will be announced

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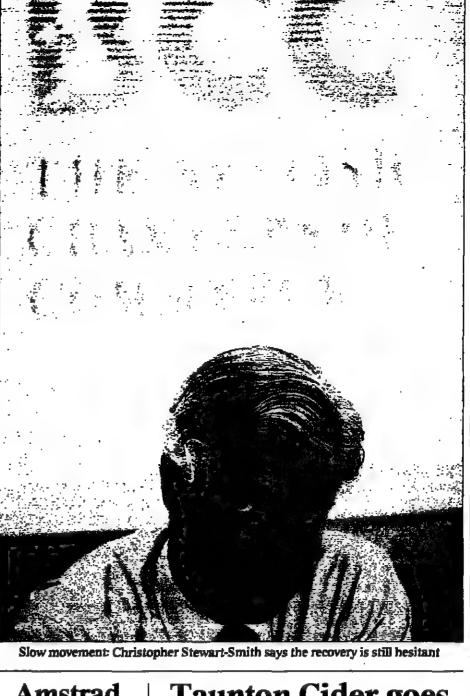
firmed it has asked the com-

pany to send out Section 212

notices to find out who is

selling Wellcome shares short

during the weekend.



Amstrad warns of losses

By MICHAEL TATE CITY EDITOR

AMSTRAD, the computers to satellite dish group, expects to report losses of about £65 June.

In a terse warning issued through the stock exchange, Alan Sugar, the founderchairman, said losses for the year to June 30 would be approximately £25 million in excess of previous expectations". Most analysts had been looking for a pre-tax loss of about £40 million.

The news sliced 5p off the Amstrad shares to 25p. but the price later rallied to close at 27.5p, valuing the group at £142 million. It was valued at El.34 billion in 1988. Mr Sugar still owns 206 million of the 566 million shares in issue, worth £56.6 million at last night's price.

Mr Sugar blamed two factors for the additional losses: the continual erosion of prices in the personal computer market and higher than expected costs of restructuring, to reduce operating overheads.

"Amstrad has taken a realistic view in liquidating its inventory of old models," he

However, Amstrad said its strategy of inventory reduction and restructuring had resulted in a net cash position at June 30 1992 of more than £100

The restructuring programme was also said to have been a reason for the departure of Ken Ashcroft, corporate finance director, on Wednesday, although a spokesman insisted the two events were "in no way related".

Mr Ashcroft has taken over as non-executive chairmanship of Betacom, the telephone equipment company majorityowned by Amstrad.

Amstrad's preliminary results are due to be announced on October 2. Comment, page 21

Taunton Cider goes down well in market

BY PHILIP PANGALOS Taunton had issued 58 mil-

SHARES in Taunton Cider. the Dry Blackthorn cider to Diamond White drinks group, made a sparkling début, despite the gloom that has been gripping the stock

The shares opened at a premium of about 5p to the 140p launch price and ended 13p higher at 153p, having touched 154p. Heavy de-mand, mainly from institutions, saw volume reach 6.8

million shares. Analysts said the company. which has about a third of the British eider market, behind Bulmer, has a strong position in one of the few areas of the British drinks market that is growing during the recession.

were comfortably placed with institutions a week before the tors largely shunned the re-maining 29 million shares. ☐ The spate of new issues has been successful, according to a survey from KPMG Corporate Finance. New issues in the second quarter were steady at 18, against 14 in the previous quarter.

lion shares, valuing it at an initial £153 million. About 29

million shares, at 140p, each

"Only one potential issue was pulled — GPA — which was intended for a tender issue," said KPMG.

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Disney predicts loss in Europe

By George Sivell

EURO Disneyland told shareholders yesterday it would suffer a loss in the year to end-September, against projec-tions in the share offer documents of a healthy profit in the first year of trading.

Comparison of the prospec tus forecast and yesterday's statement is complicated by the year-end date of March used in the prospectus and the September year-end of Walt

Disney, the parent company.

The prospectus projected a
net profit of Fr204 million in the year ending March 1993 and a net profit of Fr360 million in the year ending March 1994. After yesterday's statement, analysts at Banque Paribas forecast a loss of Fr300 million for the years ending September 1992 and September 1993 and no dividends. The group's 200,000 European shareholders saw the shares fall 8p to 1015p. compared with a high of £16.57 struck just before the theme park opened last April

Euro Disneyland said that the size of the loss would depend on attendance and hotel occupancy rates achieved during the rest of the summer. The group for the first time disclosed attendance rates at the Paris theme park. It says 3.6 million visited between opening day and July 22, a daily attendance of more than 35,000. Stockmarket analysts said that, on Disney's prospectus target of 11 million visitors a year, a figure of 43,000 a day would have been

Euro Disneyland said the attendance was not as strong as it would have preferred but that it surpassed three-month figures for California and Florida Banque Paribas said: "With 50,000 people a day entering the park recently, and a high level of occupancy at the hotels, the worst fears look unlikely to be realised." □ Walt Disney, the parent, said its net profit in the three 33 per cent to \$220.7 million. Earnings per share were 41 cents (31 cents).

For the nine-month period ending June 30, net profit rose 28 per cent to \$593 million, or 1.11 dollars per share, compared with 462.5 million dollars or 87 cents per share a year ago. Michael D Eisner, Disney chairman and chief executive officer, said domestic results were "negatively affected" by the opening of the European theme park.

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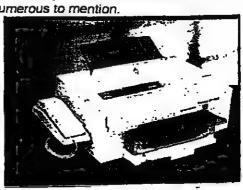
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Public relations men turn publicity-shy

By DEBRA ISAAC

BRITAIN'S bosses usually possess a fine appreciation of their own talents. They hate nothing so much as the Sunday morning ribbing in the golf club bar that inevitably follows a mauling in the press.

Now they must share their blushes with the world, following the launch of

The Presswatch Quarterly, which systematically assesses corporate PR as seen by leading newspapers.
On the Presswatch rating system, Lonrho scored minus 3,681 points for its negative reception in the business press. British Rail was rated minus 2,697, BT

minus 1,997 and NatWest minus 2,137.

Presswatch says that Wellcome, Lloyds Bank, Cadbury Schweppes and ICI

Public relations men are a notoriously thin-skinned bunch and those singled out by Presswatch as villains been taking umbrage. The firm credited with Lonrho's performance. Hill & Knowlton, has objected on the reasonable ground that, during the period in question, it did not represent Lonrho.

Presswatch accuses newspapers of "hunting in packs", with a high degree of consensus on which companies are good and which are bad. The simple answer, surely, is that most of the time, most of the press gets it right

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Wellcome Trust says 800p is minimum share sale price

BY NEIL BENNETT

for the institutions," he added. City analysis believe the

decision means the trust will sell less than 200 million of the shares out of the 330 milthe charity offering shares in the company, said it would not sell below 800p. lion in the offer. The spokesman said it was too early to say whether the offer would be scaled down. But even at the lower level, the trust would still

Robb: price falls

the offer if the inquiries reveal they have been selling short. Comment, page 21

to depress the price. Fleming will bar any institutions from

received the most positive press com-ment in the first three months of this

Presswatch has separate ratings for coverage in the business and general press and awards extra plus or minus points for favourable and unfavourable mentions in leader columns, editorials and on front pages. It also makes subjective assessments of the degree of criticism and praise press articles contain, using a scale of plus or minus 30

It claims to be able to tell who has won the newspapers' hearts during takeovers and long-running company battles. Lord King's British Airways, for example, scored minus 177 during its run-in with Richard Branson's Virgin. Virgin, Presswatch says, won the media battle, ranking in the top 20 in terms of favourable press comment.

Miyazawa initiative reverses Nikkei fall

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

SHARE prices in Tokyo rebounded sharply yesterday after a dramatic morning

The recovery was in response to reports that Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minis-ter, will hold an emergency meeting of cabinet ministers and Liberal Democratic Party leaders this evening in an attempt to shore up the Nikkei 225 index and help curb the worldwide stock market slide.

Donovan to leave **B** Gas

CHARLES Donovan, one of British Gas's two senior managing directors, has resigned and will leave the board next

Mr Donovan will leave the day before Cedric Brown, his fellow senior managing director, becomes chief executive of the privatised gas exploration, production and distribution group. The chief executive's role is being given up by Robert Evans, who will remain as full-time chairman.

A British Gas spokesman said Mr Donovan was "disappointed that he did not win the top job", but that the decision to leave was amicable.

The company said that Mr Donovan, who has responsibility for corporate and other services, fully supported the reorganisation, which led to part of his work being taken over by the chairman and chief

Mr Donovan, 58. is understood to earn more than £200.000 a year, under a three year contract. A payoff of more than £300,000 is believed to have been agreed.

Soulas to be WTA chief

ALAIN Soulas has been appointed chief executive of Wiggins Teape Appleton, the international paper group. from October. He succeeds Stephen Walls, who will be leaving the company.

Mr Soulas, 49, has been chief executive of the paper division of Saint-Gobain and chairman and chief executive of Cellulose du Pin since

He joined Saint-Gobain in 1975 and has held senior management positions with Cellulose du Pin, Socar and Condat. Arjo shares rose 5p to

Mr Miyazawa told reporters: "We have to consider various measures to deal with falling stock prices and to think of the issue from the point of view of the Japanese economy's pos-ition in relation to the world

economy."
The reaction to Mr Miyazawa's morning announcement was clear. Having fallen almost 60 points in the first 30 minutes of trading, the Nikkei average rebounded on the news, gain-ing 497.99 points to close at 16,039.94.

Many analysts are sceptical about the efficacy of such a ministerial meeting and have denounced the prime minister's declaration as a thinly disguised attempt to pull in votes for Sunday's national elections to the upper house of the Diet, Japan's parliament. His future as prime minister depends on the outcome of the

According to James Paradise, a market strategist at Dresdner Securities Asia, the government can do little directly to support stock prices and it is not clear that it can do anything concrete for the economy apart from its promised plans to introduce a supplementary budget in the autumn. That has already been discounted in the market.

elections

Clearly, Mr Miyazawa's comment has provided a psychological boost but most market participants are sceptical about the possibility of a raily or, indeed, of any medium-term improvement.

The Tokyo stock market plunged 2.9 per cent on Wednesday, prompting fears in some quarters of "the big plunge" and apprehension throughout the market that the bottom has yet to be reached.

Alex Kinmont, real estate analyst at Morgan Stanley Securities, said: "The problem is that there is no bounce in the market. There are very few buyers and the continued rumours of weaknesses in the real estate sector are depressing it further."

The mood in the market was not helped by yesterday's public statement from Tsutomu Hata, the minister of finance, who said he had no plans to take any special measures to help the ailing

Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, also adopted a calm view of the situation. telling a gathering of regional bankers that some bright spots were visible in the economy and that Japan's economic recovery, though likely to be moderate and gradual, was not far away.

downward trend and increasing sales in all its main Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, told shareholders

retailing arm, raised sales by 12.6 per cent year-on-year in one of Boots' weakest links,

smaller outlets. The company, whose chief executive is Sir James Blyth,



City marks up shares as Boots 'bucks trend' with higher sales

By MARTIN BARROW

and unusually early demand

for sun-related merchandise

and hay fever medicines.

There was also solid demand

in healthcare products, baby

goods and food. But the bulk

of sales still comes from toilet-

ries, medicines and cosmetics.

share of National Health Ser-

Initiatives to boost Boots'

BOOTS, the retailing and achieved despite the slow repharmaceuticals group. covery in the economy, which was constraining growth in cheered the stock market by claiming to be bucking the the retail market. The City, gloomy about prospects for retailers while

the recession remains deeply entrenched, marked the Boots share price up from 428p to at the annual meeting that Boots the Chemist, the main Boots the Chemist benefited from the unseasonally warm weather during the first quar-

Halfords, the car spares and maintenance chain seen as lifted sales by 8.2 per cent, despite a reduction in sales space after the closure of some

said the upturn in sales was

vice business also appeared to pay off, with an 8 per cent increase in sales.

Childrens World sales rose 14.3 per cent, with just onethird of the increase attributable to the opening of a new

Severe price discounting continues to affect the do-ityourself market, according to

Sales at AG Stanley and Do Kingfisher, rose 3.5 per cent and 10.1 per cent respectively, but profit margins remain under intense pressure. Pharmaceuticals boosted

sales by 10.6 per cent at comparative exchange rates, helped by good performances from prescription pharmaceuticals and consumer products.

Losses at **Savills** deepen to £2.8m

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE depressed property sec-tor pushed Savills, the upmarket estate agent and property surveyor, further into

George Inge, the chairman. expects property markets to remain difficult in the year ahead, although he antici-pates increased activity from rating, professional and in-vestment business.

The prospect of a distant recovery for rental values in central London and a writedown against freehold office property were largely responsi-ble for an exceptional write-off of £1.62 million. This pushed Savills to a pre-tax loss of £2.86 million in the year to end-April, against a taxable deficit of £1.69 million last time. Turnover fell 15.3 per cent to £23.7 million, although costs were reduced by 15.8 per cent. A "virtual standstill" in the

construction industry and a reduction in building services activity led to a £379,000 operating loss from the commercial business, against an adjusted profit of £81,000 last time. Turnover at the division slumped by 21.4 per cent to

Ironically, the largest gains were in valuation services, reflecting an increase in the number of banks and receivers seeking professional advice. A second successive year of falling house prices, land prices and turnover is blamed for a loss of £914,000 from the newly combined agricultural and residential business divi-sion, against a loss of £1.76 million last time. Turnover fell

10.5 per cent to £14 million.
Residential buyers remained "very cautious", and despite some revival at the bottom end of the market, the average price of houses sold by Savills fell almost 10 per cent. Overseas buyers helped generate greater activity at the group's Sloane Street and Hampstead offices, but the country house market continued to suffer, with average values down 9 per cent over

"Generally the residential market remains depressed with increased viewings but little increase in sales," added Mr Inge.

Aubrey Adams, managing director, said the property market is still bumping along the bottom, despite false

Mr Adams said volume is required in the market. The company, however, had no plans to move downmarket, although it has been forced into looking at properties at

Overall operating losses were trimmed to £1.29 million, against £1.68 million last time, while cash balances grew to £1.94 million (£827,000). The loss per share increases to 6.5p, against a deficit of 4.4p a share last time. Again, there is no dividend.

The shares eased 1p to 24p.

Greycoat cuts losses and holds dividend

SHAREHOLDER funds at Greycoat, the City and west end SHAREHOLDER funds at Greycoat, the City and west end of London property group, more than halved in the year ended last March, to £226.5 million, or 201p a share, reflecting huge falls in the value of its portfolio. A further £11 million provision against the group's property values, after the £64 million write-off last year, leaves Greycoat with a pretax loss of £7.6 million (£38.5 million loss).

Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, and his board are nevertheless holding the dividend at 5.20 with the recommendation of an £5.

Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, and his board are nevertricless holding the dividend at 5.2p, with the recommendation of an interpretation of the unchanged 2.9p final. The entire payment of £4.6 million will be financed from reserves. Mr Wilson, who is resigning as chairman at the end of the month, says the decision reflects the group's confidence. He believes the quality commercial property market has bottomed out and that Greycoat will benefit substantially once economic recovery is under way.

Green Property rises

GREEN Property, the Irish developer, has reported a 20 per GREEN Property, the Irish developer, has reported a 20 per cent advance in interim pre-tax profits to Ir£1.01 million (£935,000) for the six months to end-June. An unchanged interim dividend of Ir1.2p will be paid. Green says it continues to perform to budget and the outlook for the second half is good. Net rents in the first half were Ir£2.39 million (Ir£2.25 million). It said the UK market now had potential for selective purchases of investment properties with prospects of good rental and capital growth over the medium term.

Hill & Smith tumbles

HILL & Smith Holdings, the West Midlands steel stock-holder, is holding its interim dividend at 2.1p, despite pre-tax profits down 48.8 per cent to £1.24 million (£2.42 million) in the six months to end-March. Turnover fell from £38.7 million to £31.8 million. The decline in profits was exacerbated by an exceptional debit of £212,000, relating to the loss made by the Tipton Steel Stock Holders (Stoke) business, sold in May. Earnings were 2.98p (5.74p) a share. The company said the second half should certainly be better.

Bexbuild dragged down

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PRE-TAX profits at Bexbuild Developments, the property investment company, plunged from £622,000 to £133,000 in the year to end-March as it continued to be affected by the depressed property sector. The comparative figure had been boosted by a £468,000 one-off surplus. Turnover, helped by extra rental stream growth from last year's acquisition of the Hughes Group, climbed to £1.62 million (£714,000). The total dividend for the year is 2.7p a share (2.5p) after a proposed final payout of 1.7p. Earnings are 3p a share (8.6p).

LAW profit rises

DESPITE the general gloom in the property market, the Land Authority for Wales has increased its annual pre-tax profit to E2.85 million and spent over E23 million on acquiring land for re-development, according to its annual report. This investment should attract £330 million from the private sector over the next few years as regeneration projects take place in five Welsh towns and a community of 2,000 houses and an industrial park is created alongside the M4 in

Fairfax deeper in red

JOHN Fairfax Holdings, the Australian newspaper publisher, reported a net loss of A\$376 million (£163 million) in the year to June 1991, compared with a net loss of A\$59.1 million a year earlier. Financing costs arising from the A\$2.25 billion privatisation of the company in 1987 helped to drive the company into the red; net financing costs totalled A\$282 million. Sir Zelman Cowen, chairman, told shareholders the company was confident of its future and expected to move back into profit.

Lloyds reassures

LLOYDS Chemists was concerned enough yesterday about the recent sharp fall in its share price to issue a statement telling shareholders that all divisions were trading profitably. The shares, having come down from 372p in April to 199p on Wednesday, rose 36p to 235p yesterday. Allen Lloyd, chairman and chief executive, said results for the year ended June 30 would be issued in early October, and that the group was a strong, well managed company that was confident of its

Motorola expands in Scotland

By OUR CITY STAFF

A US electronics giant will create 150 jobs through a £40 million expansion of its operation in Scotland's "silicon

Motorola today announced the investment, which will go into its plant at East Kilbride, near Glasgow, to put it at the forefront of computer chip technology in Europe.
The project will take the
East Kilbride workforce to

2,000, making it one of Scot-

land's largest private employ-ers. Barry Waite, the com-pany's European general invested £230 million in the plant, which makes silicon chips for products including cars, CD players, computers manager, said: "I am particularly pleased that this investand washing machines. ment is coming at a time of

Mr Waite said the technolcontinuing recession in the UK. This is a huge investment ogy created by the new investment would be capable of placing huge amounts of data in technology and will bring on a single piece of silicon. A microprocessor design and half-centimetre square chip could then store all the infor-Motorola moved into Scotmation contained in a road land in 1969 and has already map of the UK.



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Annual Results

Net rental income a record £28.9 million (1991 - £23.2 million) Shareholders' funds £312 million (1991 - £358.2 million) Portfolio valuation £388.1 million (1991 - £471.7 million)

Profit before tax £24 million (1991 - £28.9 million) excludes extraordinary profits of \$22.6 million transferred to capital reserve Earnings per Ordinary share 6.54p (1991 - 7.43p)

= 71% of total rental income secured beyond the year 2000 = 230,000 square feet of new retail space added to the portfolio

Dividends per Ordinary share 3.8p (1991 - 3.6p)

■ Net interest covered 3.3 times by net rental income m Net borrowings under 24% of shareholders' funds

LONDON MERCHANT SECURITIES ple CARLTON HOUSE, 33 ROBERT ADAM STREET, LONDON WIM SAH

Greycoat keeps its bankers at bay

RECENT scare-mongering about possible breaches of covenants by Greycoat may have turned out to be unjustified, but it all looks to have become a close run thing at one point. At 152 per cent, gearing is within spitting distance of the limits that its creditors will allow. But for the sale of its 40.3 per cent stake in Finsbury Avenue since the year end, the limit may have been breached.

Greycoat has to be within its covenants only on the day of publication of its results, and it may reasonably be assumed that it has seen a good deal of its bankers over the past couple of weeks. The board's key achievement is to have persuaded the banks that the decline in shareholders' funds since March 1988 did not represent a "material, adverse fall", and that therefore another covenant had not been breached.

For all this, Greycoat, whose chairman is Geoffrey Wilson, remains remarkably buoyant. To maintain the dividend. brush aside a 52 per cent plunge in sharehold-ers' funds and a 22 per cent fall in the value of the investment portfolio with the observation that a floor has been established, is the mark either of supreme confidence or considerable

To be fair, Greycoat's portfolio, the bulk of it in the City and central London, is of the highest quality and will reap early benefits from any upturn in the economy. In the meantime, the group can boast a positive income stream and that more than 70 per cent of net rental income relates to leases with more than 20 years to run.

The board says it has seen an improvement in the number of enquiries for its properties recently, and 'optimistic' about the future. This has been enough to keep the bankers at bay. Though the shares rose 2p to 36p yesterday, investors will need more convincing.

First Technology IT HAS taken almost two

years for Fred Westlake, chairman and chief executive of First Technology, the car safety products maker, to bring his company back on track. Only a radical disposal programme, which has left the company little bigger than when it was lanched on the stock market seven years ago, has kept the corporate wheels turning. There is still work to be done but the shares have at least bounced off the 19p bottom. At their peak in the 1980s, they cost more than £5.

The only remaining businesses, which are the world's leading manufacturers of onboard crash sensors and car test dummies, should benefit from the ever-higher priority placed on safety by consumers and car manufacturers. in the short term, Dr Westlake must continue to tackle the legacy of over-expansion by further cutting



Optimistic: Geoffrey Wilson, Greycoat chairman

borrowings from the yearend level of £6 million and building up the depleted balance sheet. A return to pre-tax profits in the year to April, when the company made £639,000, helps makes this possible but means that shareholders will, at best, see only a small dividend for the current year (nil).

Profits this year could reach £1.4 million, giving about 7p of earnings and putting the shares on an undemanding price earnings ratio of 8.4. In the medium term, the prospects for First Technology's products are encouraging. However, balance-sheet uncertainties mean the shares cannot yet be rated stronger than a

LMS

LONDON Merchant Securities is no ordinary property company. As well as owning an extensive property portfo-lio, other strings to its bow include a residual 15.2 per cent stake in First Leisure Corporation, and a 5.03 per cent stake in BSB Holdin owner, in turn, of 17:5 per cent of BSkyB.

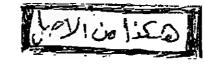
LMS's investment properties were written down by £83.6 million to £388 million

profit from the sale of part of the previously dominant First Leisure holding helped limit the setback in the book value of net assets to 10p from 109p to 99p a share. NAV looks better when market value of quoted securities is taken into account. LMS enjoyed surprising strength in its rent roll, and

sheet date. However, the

though there was an element of "hard times" experienced by some tennants, a rent review helped net rental income advance from £23.2 million to £28.9 million. The higher rent roll was, in part. undone by £29 million of development expenditures and by the absence of property trading profits. The pre-tax outcome was £24 million (£28.9 million). No interest has been capitalised, and 71 per cent of total rental income is secured well into the next century. Gearing is about 24 per cent, and net interest is covered 3.3 times by net rental income. LMS has increased its final dividend from 2.8p to

3p a share, making a year's total of 3.8p (3.6p) a share.
This year's profits may not be marginally changed from those now reported, and adverse sentiment washing over the property sector will continue to dog IMS, which traded at 82p only two months ago. The shares, at 67p, trade at a 32.3 per cent discount to the 99p book value, and yield 7.6 per cent. They are worth remembering in steadier times.



Isosceles debt deal gives green light to store conversion

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

ISOSCELES, the troubled supermarket group, has succeeded in renegotiating its £1.4 billion debts with its banks. The agreement will allow the group to continue a £300 million store conversion.

Isosceles said it is committed to a flotation in 1995, a year later than scheduled, even though banking sources believe its existing equity is almost worthless. Unless the group stages a miraculous profit recovery in the next three years, the flotation is expected to dilute massively existing shareholders.

As part of the agreement, isosceles is issuing a 20 per cent share stake to its eight mezzanine lenders, including

USAir goes further into red

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE American dog-fight over fares pushed USAir Group. the American carrier in which British Airways proposes to invest \$750 million, further into the red in April, May and June. Net losses for the second quarter climbed 50 per cent to \$84.9 million on revenues barely changed at \$1.67 bil-

Seth Schoffeld, USAir chairman and president, said: "Industry-wide fare reductions that began early in the second quarter sharply eroded the positive momentum that we had developed in the first quarter of this year."

The industry is now increasing domestic fares by 4.4 per cent and USAir, America's fourth largest carrier, has reached a new agreement with pilots that will reduce expenses by \$100 million a year, with the first benefits coming through in the next fwo

Losses had been stimming. In the first six months of this year the group was \$147.9 million in the red compared with a loss of \$225.5 million. Half time revenue's climbed

\$200 million to \$3.4 billion. USAir shares eased 12.5 cents to \$13.625. The entry price for British Airways to gain a 21 per cent voting stake and 44 per cent of the airline's

equity is \$20.50. Air Canada is believed to be preparing a counter offer for the troubled airline Continental, which has received a 350 million bid from Maxxam, a team of investors backed by investment bankers Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette and Kidder Peabody.

Bid to oust Nationwide chiefs fails

TWO candidates for the board of Nationwide Building Society failed to win enough votes to oust sitting directors at

yesterday's annual meeting.

They were the Rev Vivian Singh, who ran a campaign last year to try to persuade the society to pay extra interest to customers trapped in the society's closed 90-day account, and Benjamin Jacobs, a member of the staff.

Two seats were contested. Mr Singh received 36.333 votes and Mr Jacobs 59,805. Anthony Stoughton-Harris received 77,155 and Paul Twyman 92,335. Mr Twyman was voted in once he had the board's support and became the first member director.

3i, Standard Chartered and GE Capital, at Ip a share to compensate them for agreeing to delay interest repayments.

Isosceles' store conversion programme will almost eradicate the Gateway name from the high street. The group plans to re-open 150 upmar-ket Somerfield stores in the next three years. A further 150 stores will be renamed David Greig, and become fresh food groceries. Another 150 will be selected as discount stores called SoLo to compete with Kwik Save.

The smallest sites in the group will be renamed Gateway Village Stores and become local convenience shops. This will leave just 50 under the original Gateway name. Food Giant, the group's large discount stores chain, will continue to expand.

Herman's, the sports chain in America, and Wellworths, the Northern Ireland food retailer, are still for sale. These have been on the market since the buyout in 1989 but the group has failed to attract a

high enough price for them. Isosceles' 39 lenders have agreed in principle to relax many of its borrowing conditions, including interest cover, adjusted net worth and asset cover. The group was in danger of breaching these this month due to poor trading caused by the recession.

The agreement must still be signed and also needs the support of shareholders at an extraordinary meeting at the end of August. All the large shareholders, including Wasserstein Perella, with 40 per cent, have been involved in the negotiations and support the

Alistair Mitchell-Innes, Isosceles' chief executive, said he was pleased the negotiations had finally been completed. We have been working on this for some time and the longer these things take, the more it diverts people from running the business," he

"I won't make any promises about the future but I think we have a good chance to show what we can do with these stores," he added. The group plans to spend £100 million a year on the conversions, which it hopes will help boost

Mr Mitchell-Innes said trading was very dull but the loan agreements had used very cautious forecasts about the economy until 1995. He did not give details on the new repayment sched-ule, but said the company would meet all its interest bills

As well as issuing warrants to the mezzanine lenders that convert into ordinary shares, Isosceles is proposing to convert its preference shares. These are part of the units that were offered as stub equity in place of cash in the 1989 management buyout. Several of Isosceles's equity holders. including 31 and Mercury Asset Management, have taken heavy writedowns on their



By SARA McConnell

THE Investors Compensa-tion Scheme has paid compensation totalling £12.5 million to 1.598 investors between April 1991 and March 1992, according to the ICS annual report. However, the ICS repeated its warnings that the final figure for 1991-2 could be as much as £37 million.

A record 35 firms declared in default in the last year. These include four firms selling home income plans, Fisher Prew-Smith, Aylesbury Associates, Wilmot Dollar and Acorn Insurance Consultants. The ICS expected as many as 1,500 claims for compensation from investors in these firms. Many claims are still

At the date of the report, a total of 3,023 claims, amounting to nearly £20 million, had been paid since the start of the

SIR Christopher Harding, BET chairman, faced criti-

cism at yesterday's annual

shareholders' meeting over

the recent £200 million cash

call, the level of the dividend

and directors' salaries (George

A shareholder noted the

dividend for the year to end-

March had been cut from

13.25p to 6.5p yet the group was asking shareholders for

£200 million to redeem \$380

million of the \$500 million

auction market preferred

Sir Christopher assured the

shareholder that it was in the

"best long-term interest" to

"rebase the dividend to a level

from which it could be expect-

ed to make reasonable

progress". He added that it

was felt that the appropriate

degree of cover was twofold

Sivell writes).

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scheme in August 1988. The ICS has already announced that it would be raising a preliminary levy from firms regulated under the Financial Services Act of £26.3 million...

There is likely to be a further levy to fund claims not yet substantiated. If claims total more than £25 million in 1991-2, the excess will be

However, the scheme will not be insured for compensation costs this year as the ICS could not find cover at an acceptable premium after March 31, 1992. Since March 1992, the scheme has paid a further £2.3 million to 288 investors with firms declared in default in 1991-2. Since March, ten firms have been declared in default.

The number of permanent and temporary staff at ICS has doubled over the last year. Employment costs have more than doubled to £854,948.

BET chief fends off criticism

and it was intended this would

be achieved as soon as

Another shareholder, also a

BET pensioner, wanted to

know why there appeared to

be such a gulf between pen-



dend. Fred Westlake, chairman and chief executive, right, and Nigel ung, finance director, announced yesterday Tempus, page 18 Young, finance director, announced yesterday

Brent Walker seeks chairman

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BRENT Walker has failed to find a chairman to succeed Lord Kindersley, who yesterday stepped down at the annual meeting. Ken Scobie, chief executive, takes over as acting chairman.

Lord Kinderslev said: "I had hoped to find a successor. The task facing the board is still enormous, it would be wrong to rush into such a vital appointment and I hope to make an announcement soon."

ering a change of name. One shareholder suggested Pubmaster Leisure. Lord Kindersley replied: "We agree with the feeling on this matter. We have had other things to do than think of new names but it is high time we did that." He suggested other shareholders might write in with suggestions for a new name.

He said group's the restructuring of the group was believed to be one of the largest and most complex ever attempted and was a remarkable achievement. "Pubmast-

er, our public house company, has developed extremely well but trading, as in other retail activities, is showing little sign of recovery."

The company had acquired the leases on more than 900 public houses from Allied Breweries and Whitbread. The acquisitions had a promising future. An expansion programme would be continued and there was great potential for the Maple Leaf

Inns joint venture, which was being financed by Labatt, the brewer, and managed by Brent Walker.

"William Hill has experi-enced continuing reduction in the size of bets taken although the number of bets placed has remained stable," Lord Kindersley said.

"This confirms that its business is competitive but the money is not being spent by the public," he added.

Ford drops plan for lay-offs at Halewood plant

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

FORD has scrapped plans to for a month, after deciding to switch emphasis from the UK to export markets.

Workers at the Halewood

plant, on Merseyside, who were preparing to start their summer holiday break, were told last night that planned cutbacks would not take place. since Ford was increasingly confident of a sales resurgence on the continent.

The company originally wanted to cut output of Escort and Orion cars from Halewood by half, to 500 a day, by stopping the night shift for a month. Instead, that will take place for only two weeks, while the plant readjusts for the

switch to exports.

Halewood has been the most vulnerable of Ford's European plants because of its dependence on the British market in the past. Although the Escort is the country's most popular car, the recession brought a huge slump in orders. As a result, Halewood has suffered layoffs and shutdowns over the past year.

Management started an export programme earlier this year to take up the slack and, so far. 19,100 cars and vans — 17 per cent of Halewood's output - have been sent to European markets.

Ford said last night: "With the British market in its current state, we know prospects are difficult, whereas some other European nations are

improving."
After falling 20 per cent in 1991, total sales of new cars in Britain so far this year are down by another 4 per cent. Ford workers and their families are being offered discounts of up to £2,800 on some of the company's most popular models as the com-

pany mounts a huge cam-

paign to boost sales in the crucial month of August. The company is leading the charge by motor manufacturers desperate to revive the market, which has failed to rise this year from the bottom of the worst recession since the second world war. Ford executives have decided that one of the biggest pools of potential buyers next month, when the new K-registration letter is introduced, consists of their

own 40,000 workers and their

The employee discount lay off thousands of workers scheme is open to close relatives of employees. In addition. Ford has 30,000 pensioners who can also bene-fit from the reductions.

A company spokesman said last night: "We are no differ-ent from other manufacturers in that we offer discounts to our employees and their im-mediate families. They make up a sizeable part of the market.

The discounts cover all models, except the Granada range. Average discounts on the Fiesta, Escort and Sierra ranges have risen by £350, and those on the high-performance Escort XR3i and Escort RS2000 by £1,100. That means a Fiesta 1.1LX, on sale in showrooms at £8,596, is on offer to Ford employees and their families at £6.741, a saving of about £1,800.

Filofax now available in black

By PHILLP PANGALOS

YUPPIES, if there are any still about, will be pleased to hear that Filofax, the Unlisted Securities Market-quoted personal organiser maker, is back in the black after several years

Filofax, one of the success stories of the late 1980s with the shares topping £2 at one time, looks on the road to recovery after being rescued by a consortium fund and a £2.1 million rights issue in 1990.

The company proposes a single dividend of 0.5p (nil) after reporting a pre-tax profit of £552,000 in the 15 months to March, compared with a loss of £1.55 million in the previous 12 month period.

Turnover stood at £12.7 million for the 15 month period, against £11.1 million in the previous year. Robin Field, chief executive, said more than 80 per cent of sales in 1991 were new products launched since the middle of

Earnings were 2.7p a share. against a loss of 9.5p a share last time. The shares firmed 3p to 39p.

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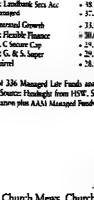
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about their syndicates.

techniques, yesterday's meetings were far from state-of-the-art. Poorly presented and labelled slides can hardly compare with the high-tech audio-visual displays laid on by many companies at their

Nevertheless, as an indicator of the changing culture at the traditionally secretive insurance market, the meetings

est paid director rose from £287,181 to £483,977 according to the annual report. Sir Christopher explained that between October 1990 and April 1992 the directors took no bonuses or pay increases but that in 1991-2 a bonus had been introduced to reward directors for cash generation. Debts fell from £425 million to £107 million over the year. On prospects for the current

ries. Emoluments of the high-

year Sir Christohper said: "I am afraid, there continues to be very few signs of improved levels of activity in our markets. Our plans for the current year are based on conservative turnover growth and continuing firm control of costs and

Harding: keeping control 116p.

The shares fell 3p to close

Lloyd's starts process of opening up

By JONATHAN PRYNN

AN ERA of glasmost at Lloyd's of London was heralded yesterday with the first round of names' annual meetings to comply fully with the recommendations of the Rowland Task Force report.

A key theme of the Rowland report, published in January, was that names rights should be strengthened, in line with those enjoyed by shareholders in public companies. Many names who have lost money during the recent problems at Lloyd's have complained of difficulties in obtaining information

The report recommended that syndicates should be obliged to hold annual meetings of their names and should provide detailed information on syndicate expenses, reviewed by independent members' agents. Although these are not yet mandatory, they are likely to be accepted and made compulsory by the council of

names yesterday attended the ground- the meeting said he would like to have breaking meeting of the names on syndicate 1109, an obscure syndicate specialising in cover for race horses and valuable pets. They were rewarded with a review of the syndicate's performance and prospects and the opportunity to question the underwriter, John Bovington. John Cackett, the underwriter of avia-

tion syndicate 957, cheered names with the news that in the event of a "worst-case scenario" of two insured aircraft colliding, the syndicate would suffer only a 10 As an exercise in corporate presentation

annual meetings.

were a milestone: About two dozen agents and external ... One of the few external names to attend - ---

seen a few more names turn up to apply some discipline to the agencies that manage their affairs. "Otherwise we are just marionettes in their hands," he said. The meetings were organised by Wendover Underwriting Agency, which manages five syndicates, four of which made profits in the troubled 1989 year of

Other major agencies are planning their own names' general meetings, or in some cases have aiready held them, although Wendover is the first to have complied with the recommendations on reviews of syndicate expenses. In the case of Wendover, this showed that its underwriters had all taken signficant pay cuts over the past year.

Angus Sladen, managing director of Wendover, said: "We expect many managing agents to monitor our approach and we believe members' agents and our names will appreciate our openness with regard to expenses, and indeed our whole

WoodMac sees rise in North Sea oil output

OIL production from the Brit-ish sector of the North Sea is set to rise for the rest of 1992 and exceed 2.5 million barrels a day (bpd) in 1995, according to a survey by County NatWest WoodMac.

Analysts expect output to rise this year now that most of the summer maintenance work is completed and new fields are ready to come on

Oil production was at its low of the year in June, averaging 1.59 million bpd. Output of 1.84 million bod in the first half of 1992 is likely to rise sharply in the second half, to bring the annual average to 1.9 million bpd, the report

Maintenance work continued last month on the Brent platforms: Brent Charlie came back during the month, while Brent Alpha and Bravo were shut down early in June for six and five weeks respectively.

Although most of the scheduled shurdowns have been completed, a few are contin-uing. These include a fourweek shutdown on Dunlin and Osprey, scheduled to begin on August 18, and a 12week shutdown of Brent Delta, which began on July 14. New fields should be con-tributing more than 150,000 bpd by the year-end. Wood-

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STOCK MARKET

Wellcome move wins approval

THE success or failure of the Wellcome share sale will dictate the course of the rest of the equity market in the short term. It was top of the agenda for most investors yesterday as the deadline for applications by tender for institutions drew near. The announcement by to run. the Wellcome Trust that it will not sell any shares below 800p was received warmly by the

market after weeks of speculation about the level of pricing for the issue. Dealers viewed it as a positive move and said the Wellcome Trust, which had originally offered 330 million shares for sale, was more likely to reduce the size of the offer

earlier this week suggested the sale may be scaled down to 250 million shares or less. Worries about the issue have hung over the market since the sale was first announced in March, when the price was £11. The recent fall in share values has been bad news for all new issues. Several have been cold-shouldered by investors who have left most of the equity with the underwriters. Wellcome clawed back an early fall to finish 1p up at

than abandon it. Estimates

The news from Wellcome cheered the rest of the equity market and enabled it to close with useful gains on the day after spending most of the session fluctuating in narrow limits without any clear lead

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developing. The FT-SE 100 index ended the session near its best of the day 11.6 higher at 2.399.5. Turnover improved to 512 million shares as investors began unwinding their positions with only one day of the trading account left

Two new issues made a positive start in first-time trad-ing. Taunton, the cider maker, got off to a brisk start with the price opening at 145p com-pared with the original offer price of 140p. It closed at 153p, a premium of 13p.

There was also a positive start to trading in Quality Home Care with the price opening at 143p compared with the issue price of 136p. The price ended the session at

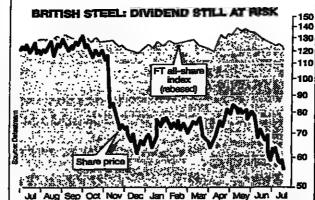
150p, a premium of 14p.

British Aerospace suffered an early setback, touching 180p before recovering to close 12p lighter at 197p.

Warhum Securities stockhro-Warburg Securities, stockbro-ker, was behind the fall after placing almost 6 million shares on behalf of an institutional client at 185p. The BAe share price has now virtually halved last year's rights issue price of 380p.

British Steel fell 1 ap to a

new low of 54p hit by a bearish circular from County NatWest, stockbroker, which has been telling dients the dividend is still under threat. County calculates that faced with the threat of prolonged economic stagnation, the re-



cent dividend cut accompanying the full-year figures has not gone far enough. The possibility of the dividend being cut to 3p or less in the current year has still to be reflected in the price, which

should be nearer 45p. There

casts. The price later recovered most of the lost ground to finish 2p lighter and equal its low for the year of 95p.

Lucas Industries fell 7p to 102p after profit downgradings by Albert E Sharp and Strauss Turnbull. Sharp has

Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has published a strong buy recommendation for Asda. Kleinwort is forecasting pre-tax profits of £105 million for the current year, putting the shares on a prospective p/e of 8 and a yield of 8 per cent. Asda was unchanged at 26/2p — just above the low for the year of 25p.

were a number of early casualties. Pilkington, the glass maker, suffered a 10p fall in delayed response to Wednesday's gloomy statement on trading at the annual meeting. Analysts are expected to start downgrading their profit fore-

BRITISH FUNDS

cluding a pension surplus of E90 million Euro Disnevland spent a volatile session before finishing 8p cheaper at £10.15 after the group had confirmed it

reduced its forecast by £10

million to £105 million, in-

current year.
Persistent bid speculation lifted Mirror Group Newspa-pers another 4p to 69p as a further 4.3 million shares changed hands. The price has risen 18p since the return from suspension last week at 51p. The price was frozen in December at 125p. Mirror Group has since been the

target of intense bid

Institutions are still making up their minds about the outcome of Greene King's £103 million bid for Morland, unchanged at 461p. Many of them are unlikely to make their minds up until just before today's deadline expires. At the last count, Greene King, 7p cheaper at 507p, had received acceptances totalling an estimated 46 per cent, including a 43.4 per cent stake held by Whitbread held by Investment

Harland Simon, the troubled controls systems group. saw its share price nearly halved at 18p. Last week, the group announced heavier than expected losses and no dividend. Earlier this year the shares were trading at 600p. News of sizable oil finds lifted Pict Petroleum 3p to 69p, while Monament Oil & Gas was steady at 32 p. Both companies were features in The Times on Monday.

MICHAEL CLARK

Dow makes early gain

New York — Blue chips steamed ahead in early trading, helped by bargain-hun-ing and a hefty gain in Tokyo. The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 9.39 points to 3,287, having risen as high

as 3,291.

Hong Kong — Shares plunged 1.55 per cent in continued light trading on uncertainties about the local

airport financing dispute and weakness of global markets. weakness of global markets.
The Hang Seng index plummeted 93.28 points, or 1.55 per cent, to 5.917.16.

Frankfurt — Shares ended lower after a wave of derivative linked calling. The Day tive-linked selling. The Dax index ended just above support at 1,620, finishing 4.5 points down at 1,623.37. (Reuter)

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ed by the appearance of a few bargain hunters. But trading overall was described as thin and volatile.

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made further headway, help-

with the long gilt on the futures market rising to £983/4 before falling to £981/2. It later rallied to finish the session seven ticks higher at E98²³/32. Dealers said a total of

18,000 contracts were completed. Prices were again squeezed higher by the ap-pearance of buyers at the lower levels, combined with a virtual absence of sellers. The index-linked issues

clawed back some of Wednesday's sharp falls of about £1/2. with prices finishing £1/s better. Index-linked issues were seen as attractive after the general election, when the equity market showed signs of looking top heavy. But they have lost some of their allure since the subsequent setback in share prices.

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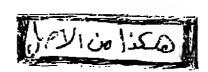
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Public spurns the market debutants

ecision day is at hand in the Wellcome issue. Fund managers have a few hours left before they must finally decide how much, if anything they want to bid for extra shares in the pharmaceutical leader, whose share price has fallen from a year's high of £11:47 to 830p, largely in response to the erraisic progress of its biggest shareholder's cash-raising sale. Robert Fleming, the global co-ordinator, has been reduced to spotting a short calling a let be instituted as a completion of short-selling plot by institutions as an explanation of the sagging share price. As so little has been heard of the outcome of the public offer, which closed on Tuesday, it can be assumed that did not provide much of a fillip.

At least public apathy need not depress the seller, or potential buyers, too much. It has been a feature of recent issues. MFI and Taunton Cider, for instance, had shares left with underwriters because private investors showed remarkably little enthusiasm. Defying convention, however, shares in these companies did not fall badly below issue price when dealings started. Taunton, the sort of safe consumer product company that might have appealed to individuals, quickly won an 8 per cent premium yesterday as institutions called for another round.

The gap between the private and institutional investor is widening. Private investors have been put off by the relapse in the stock market and general financial gloom, but there is another factor at work. MFI and Taunton, along with Anglian Windows, were management buyouts from the ownership of bigger companies. City investors, some of whom were involved in the buyouts, therefore know the companies and their managements. The companies' progress to flotation vindicates City support and comes with City investors' imprimatur.

Promoters of such issues must adjust to this imbalance. If they want to bring in individual investors, they will need to make more effort to explain the issues to what is a completely new audience. Otherwise, they might as well write off significant investment from individuals and aim flotations purely at fund managers, sacrificing the liquidity and loyalty that private investors bring.

Amstrad offside

as the curse of football, to which a galaxy of industrialists from Roland Smith to Robert Maxwell have succumbed, struck again? Ever since Alan Sugar declared his interest in bailing out the debt-laden Tottenham Hotspur football club, his real business. Amstrad, has been seen regularly picking the ball out of its own net. Mr Sugar is said to have settled so comfortably into the White Hart Lane set-up that he will shortly declare himself Spurs chairman. Has he taken his eye off the Amstrad ball?

The best defence would have had difficulty coping with the onslaught on prices seen in the personal computer industry. Equipment that sold for £1,500 a year ago, will not sech £1,000 today. Amstrad believes it may have lost £65 million before tax in the year ended last month, £25 million worse than expected in the spring. Its share price responded by falling to just 25p at one point, before rallying to 27.5p, revived by the company's reminder that it has net cash holdings of more than £100 million. In other words Amstrad, valued in headier days at £1.34 billion, is today worth only £142 million, most of which is represented by its bank account.

Mr Sugar's personal stake has also crumbled to £56 million, although he pulled £34 million out in March last year, a move that looks more astine with every fresh pc price cut. Mr Sugar is astute; more importantly, he is a trader. While he is in control. Amstrad should survive, but he'll be relying on Spurs to supply the champague for some years to come.

Winners and losers play for high stakes in property market game

Clive Branson says the harsh lessons of the 1974-5 collapse were ignored in the rush to borrow money to build

at the end of the eighties for the property inchestry's game of musical chairs, many household names in the business found themselves with nowhere to sit. There were a few winners and marry losers, but for

new offices and shops

everyone the party was over.
The mad development bonanza had bequeathed the country a near-f40 billion mountain of property debt and acres of empty office blocks that will take years to fill. The lessons of the 1974-5 property collapse had been ignored in the rush to borrow money to pay for new offices and

The losers, such as Godfrey Bradman of Rosehaugh, Trevor Os-borne of Speyhawk, Gerald Ronson of Heron and David Goldstone of Regalian, had believed not only that the property boom would go on but also that the ingenious financial packages fashionable in the eighties would insulate them from market forces. The winners, such as Peter and John Beckwith, of London & Edinburgh Trust, had battened down the hatches, after selling most of their properties.

them John Ritblat, of British Land. and Peter Hunt, of Land Securities, followed a few golden rules. They ensured that rental income covered interest on borrowings; only bought and built in the best locations; ignored the heady optimism of the market and looked for the downturn. They are now in a position to buy

property cheaply.

John Ritblat has spent £900 million on property in the past two years and could report a 7.4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £33.3 million in the year to March 31, and a rise in earnings per share from 10.8p to 12.5p. The secret was the increase in rental income, up 30.6 per cent to £127 million. Mr Ritblat learnt the lesson of 1974-5, when British Land

just survived the collapse.

Mr Rithlat said: "For the first time since 1989, we think we have now seen the worst. Markets may be flat and difficult, but we believe that they will respond to a selectively improving trend." He avoided the worst of the crash by realigning the portfolio so that 52 per cent is now in the main

The Beckwith brothers took a different line — they sold London & Edinburgh Trust in April 1990 for £500 million to SPP, the Swedish life insurance firm, each of them netting £39 million and going on to threeyear management contracts. It was a wonderful deal for LET staff, because 90 of the 120 employees shared £5 million through the equity option scheme. The immaculate timing of the sale was illustrated by LET's £138



Players in the property boardgame: John Ritblat, top. then clockwise, Peter Hunt, Godfrey Bradman, Paul Reichmann, Trevor Osborne, Gerald Ronson and the Beckwith brothers

£120.5 million writedown in the property portfolio. The Beckwiths are still running LET and are operating

Tony Clegg, who propelled Mountleigh from a small Yorkshire wool manufacturing company into one of the fastest growing property companies of the eighties, also moved into Europe. Mountleigh grew at an extraordinary pace until Mr Clegg became ill. Although he returned briefly to the company in late 1989. he quickly accepted a £70.4 million offer from Nelson Petz and Peter May, two American entrepreneurs. Mr Clegg said he was leaving "with many regrets", but in fact, his departure took place when the property market began to decline. Mr Peltz and Mr May, who looked on Mountleigh as "an undervalued asser", were full of enthusiasm. The shares were 163p at the time. This May. Mountleigh, now with Sir Ian MacGregor, former British Coal and British Steel chairman, in charge,

called in receivers because of debts of more than £500 million. A year before Mr Clegg's sale of Mountleigh shares, Burford, a small property company, had a fateful board meeting in which it debated the future direction of property values. It decided that the game was over and started selling. Nick Leslau, the managing director, said: "The warning bells started sounding for me when I met people who said they manufactured leans but were moving into

corporate culture when it merged with Chartsearch, a company owned by Nigel Wray, and started 20-year cash-flow planning. In the 15 months after the 1988 board meeting, Burford sold properties worth £92 million and took the balance sheet substantially into cash. It has been buying properties in the current depressed market, spending £50 million in the past year. Like Mr Leslau, the management

BUSINESS LETTERS

advised and that the critical

resolutions will be defeated.

You may have misjudged the

letter wrote to me earlier this

year saying: "The present

mess would not be on the scale

that it is if Lloyd's was properly

run and had a proper man-

agement structure." How does

he reconcile that statement

with his advice to support the

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man of Lloyd's, who has constantly rubbished forecasts

of bad results, notably by Bernard Levin in The Times

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team at Imry Merchant Developers, Martin Myers, the chief executive, and Martin Landau, the deputy chairman, had intimations by 1989 that the property boom was almost over. They sold out for £314 million to Marketchief. Mr Myers and Mr Landau stayed on to run the company, although Mr Landau has since eft. The collapse of the market forced Imry to go through a £440 million refinancing by Barclays Bank and Wolfgang Stolzenberg in June 1991.

These are the winners, at least in personal terms. The property com-Land Securities, with its massive centrai London office portfolio; Hammerson with an international spread of assets; Brixton Estates, under Harry Axton, its chairman, and Slough Estates, where Sir Nigel Mobbs is chairman. Mr Axton and Sir Nigel stuck to developing and managing industrial estates.

The losers list is considerably longer and the losses involved have made an cities, helping the City as a headlines. Trevor Osborne, chair- competitive business location.

man of Speyhawk, counts himself one of the unluckiest of the eighties' stars as he came within inches of selling Speyhawk to Nordstjernan, a Swedish company, in September 1990, after the invasion of Kuwait, when his shares were 269p. He said. however. "We don't even use the word survivor. There is no question we will continue, and continue to be successful, although we can't expect to be highly profitable in the next few years. By this June, Speyhawk was technically bankrupt and the shares were 10p. Mr Osborne is now sweating over a financial reconstruction aimed at swapping £303 million of borrowings into low-coupon con-vertible stock, to eliminate net liabilities of E70 million.

Of all the property tyoons who made it in the past decade, Godfrey Bradman at Rosehaugh had the highest profile. The list of his charitable works is endless, from Aids, Friends of the Earth, the Vietnamese boat people to the campaign for lead-free petrol.

Rosehaugh, together with Stanhope, a property company run by Stuart Lipton, built the massive 3.5 million sq ft office complexes at Broadgate, alongside Liverpool Street railway station. Mr Bradman also wanted to rebuild the 125 acres of derelict land around King's Cross, another of London's railway terminus, but was beaten by the market collapse. This February, Mr Bradman resigned from the board of the company he built up so quickly.

he most spectacular casualty of the property collapse is Olympia & York, run by the Reichmanns, who went for one development too many at Canary Wharf, in London's Docklands. They are fighting for survival in Canada, London and New York, and owe \$11.2 billion on their office

roperties.
Similarly, Gerald Ronson is struggling to keep Heron solvent and is going through a painful £1.3 billion refinancing exercise. KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm, has told Heron's 80 banks that liquidation would result in losses of £550 million to lenders. It might be argued that the City jury is still out on Heron and the company will survive. But Mr Ronson is no longer a winner, as he was after the 1974-5 collapse.

The same may be true for Regalian, which had its last set of accounts qualified by Ernst & Young. the auditor. This was because of the difficulty of valuing the portfolio. Regalian shares languish at 10p. Stanhope, where Olympia & York owns a third of the equity, is another company facing an uncertain fate, although Stuart Lipton, the chairman, is highly regarded.

enough to avoid the collapse of the property market. It was caution, cash flow and luck that counted.

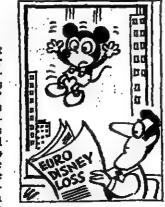
What are we left with? Too many empty shops and office blocks and so much debt that a recovery in the property market will take many years. There is one positive result, however, London office rents are below, or in line with, those in other big Europe-

DIY central **banking**

WHILE billionaire Ross Perot counts his lost millions after quitting the American presidential race. Jamaican hotels millionaire, Gordon "Butch" Stewart, is being heralded as Jamaica's future political leader. Stewart owns Jamaica's Club Med-style Sandals hotel group and, has been selling up to US\$1 million a week since April 21 to halt the slide of the Jamaican dollar. He has become a national hero, with small businessmen rushing to follow his example and selling US dollars stashed under their mattresses. Since April, the Jamaican dollar has, indeed, stopped sliding, and the exchange rate is now 22.16 Jamaican dollars to the US dollar against 28.13 on April 21. Even P. J. Patterson, Jamaica's prime minister, has given Stewart credit for the reversal and while some see sinister forces at work, and some say he is politically motivated, others think he is a good guy. Economic commentator Ohr Strom, whose family has had interests in Jamaica for 40 years, said: "He is a true example of public commitment not too apparent elsewhere."

AUT-exit

AFTER being locked in talks over university lecturers pay all week, Diane Warwick, secretary general of the Association of University Teachers (AUT) will soon escape the world of pay settlements after a call from GKR, Britain's His Monteverdi may not overlargest headhunter, GKR was briefed to find a chief executive in the music charts but lutenist



for the government-funded Westininster Foundation for Democracy which aims to spread democracy in eastern Europe. As well as searching among the usual political and industrial high-flyers. GKR director. Sir John Tralawny, cast an eye over the trade unions and came up with Warwick. "I think it showed considerable imagination and that headhunters are now casting their nets far more widely." says Warwick. At 47, she is said to be "adventurous, not hide-bound" and this year represented the AUT in Kiev and Moscow talking to trade unionists about education. She says her lifelong career as a trade unionist is her key recommendation for her new job. "I regard trade unions as an essential part of the democratic process and democracy is what the Westminster Foundation is all about."

Lute loot

take Nigel Kennedy's Vivaldi

Anthony Rooley says he has had a "terrific response, particularly in the City" to his new Musica Obscura record label. Rooley is launching the label under a £350,000 business expansion scheme, before the BES is scrapped next year. Founder of the Consort of Musicke, one of the world's leading vocal ensembles in 16th and 17th music, Rooley has had his share of "hits" in the specialised music field. His Monteverdi madrigals, issued by Virgin Classics last year. sold 12,000 in six months and won prizes worldwide. But Rooley remains "very critical of the way record companies have handled this specialised material" and thinks he can market it better himself. "We currently have an average 12,000 sales per title. We think we can double the market," he says. The deadline for BES applications is July 27.

Michael who?

IF YOU call yourself President of the Board of Trade, as Michael Heseltine has done, at least your civil servants will remember who you are. Given the turnover of ministers at the DTI in recent years, such an aide-memoire is advisable, if not necessary. The DTI press release yesterday on recycling scrap cars couldn't quite place environment secretary Michael Howard and called him employment secretary - a job he gave up in April. "No, it's not an unofficial reshuffle." a DTI spokesman said. There hasn't been one yet - at least

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Members must back Lloyd's council From M.D.J. Chesterman

Sir, "Now is the time for all good men and true..." to help keep the Council of LLoyd's affoat on July 27. The extraordinary general meeting called for that day has as its first resolution A - and I paraphrase - to implement the essential task force resolutions, including a revision of governance, and to encourage contributions from the Lloyd's working community to help bail out distressed Names.

Our support as members of meeting on the 27, which all Names should attend, is vital, not simply to enable the council to survive, but so that we, the Names, may survive. Contrary resolutions C1-4 put by dissident Names would have the effect of pulling the council down.

As a "walking wounded" Name myself, I am as critical as the next Name of the errors and omissions perpetrated by

Lloyd's in the past. Past chairmen have undoubtedly let things slide, but in David Coleridge we have the best chairman in my 20 years as a Name and, I submit, he must be left to pursue his unenvi-able task of pulling Lloyd's back from the brink. If he is forced out of office,

with his council, Lloyd's will probably collapse and Names will have to bear their debts legally as sole traders, unaided, for the rest of time. Open years will continue to drain us in perpetuity without the profits from trading that will assuredly result from 1992 onwards. Names must accept their responsibility as members of the Society of Lloyd's: we must support it now and not pull it down. We must trade out of our difficulties. Yours faithfully. M.D.J. CHESTERMAN.

Knight's Manor, Swaffham Prior. Cambridge.

Doubts cast on association's independence

From Timothy J.N. Deaville Sir, Jonathan Prynn's article entitled "Council of Lloyd's receives support" stated that the Association of Lloyd's Members represents more than 9,000 Names. This is not

The association may indeed

have 9,000 member Names but there is no democratic structure such as exists, for example, in the National Farmers' Union by which the views of the membership work their way up to the leadership. It cannot therefore claim to represent its members who join to receive the advice and information which it disseminates, and to attend the seminars which it organises, but who have no formal means of

Considerable doubt must be cast upon the independence of the association, in the past if not the present, by the fact that Antony Haynes, who was chairman from 1986 to 1991. is chairman of R.G.B. Underwriting Agencies, chairman designate of Wellington Underwriting Holdings and a director of Roberts & Hiscox Members' Agent.

A truly democratic association, within which members could air their views, would surely make them more comfortable about the advice it gives on voting at the egm. Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY J.N. DEAVILLE. Hatchers Farm.

Wiltshire.

We have seen the compla-cency with which the council dismissed the task force recommendation regarding the governance of Lloyd's, only to be forced by the general outcry to change their minds within days, and we have seen the arbitrary increase of levies on names from 1990. Do the

themselves not already tax names sifficiently? This is one association member who will not be following its advice. Yours faithfully, I.A. Pape Pigeon Hoo", 9 Coombe Ridings.

Names must withdraw confidence From John Burrows.

Sir. Lloyd's members are being asked next Monday to express confidence in their Sir, You imply (Council of Lloyd's Receives Support, July council. But how can a mem-22) that the Association of bership have confidence in Lloyd's Members letter of people that they have not been support for the Council of free to collectively elect? How can the worldwide Lloyd's means that the 9,000 ALM members will vote as

membership respect the authority, and support the regulations, of a council that is not wholly democratically elected by them all, through a system of postal voting? The Lloyd's Act 1982 split

the membership into working and external members. Representatives of each are elected by members of their class resulting in the present divid-The chairman is selected by

the working Names from among their own so that external members are disenfranchised from voting for the person to be chairman. Ten years later we witness

the inevitable decline and loss

of confidence that must ensue. Members, to exercise their duty to the society, must show by their vote, that they have no confidence in the present

council. Then by a simple amendment to the 1982 act they could at the next election, revert back to a council for which all members are collectively responsible.

It can then fulfil its duty to the members to manage and superintend the affairs of the society, and regulate and direct the business of insurance at Lloyd's to the benefit of members and policyholders.

Only then can we accept unlimited liability and underwrite insurance risks with confidence. Yours faithfully, JOHN BURROWS, Copyhold,

Church Lane. Bury. Pulborough.

Pensions regulation after Maxwell to come from somewhere and

Sir, Mr Sean Hand in his recent article is to be congratulated for his positive approach to drumming up business for the legal and financial professions.

Whilst his vision of a very tightly supervised regime with monitors and regulators at every turn might be affordable by big schemes probably the majority of schemes are small. perhaps 100 members or less, and the universal application of the heavy handed controls he proposes would kill off many of them because of the costs involved. Is that going to

benefit the members? Already the new requirement to issue each member with an annual statement will increase costs - he must know that professional fees do not come cheap — the money has partly it will probably be money that would otherwise have gone into the fund for the benefit of the members.

Maxwell had undeniably highlighted weaknesses, but the majority of funds are honestly, efficiently, and economically managed and to over react to Maxwell by excessive regulation could result in doing a great disservice to many fund members. Yours faithfully, N.F. ROTHE. 9 The Laurels,

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EC helps small firms with their research

By SALLY WATTS

NEW opportunities for funded research, backed by some £40 million from the EC, are becoming available for smaller enterprises that lack research facilities but have a business partner in a single market country. A survey has shown they are likely to be in instrumentation, packaging or waste management, mechanical engineering, materials processing, construction, aerospace, textiles, feetings.

footwear or automotive activities. Each initial group, consisting of two small European businesses in different countries, is asked to submit an outline proposal. After a first sift, the Commission will contribute 75 per cent of the costs — up to about £10,500 — for the partners to develop a full plan. This will involve finding additional part-ners, locating a suitable organisation for the research and preparing the fully developed

The scope includes raw materials, recycling, advanced structural and functional materials, design, manufacturing techniques or any combination of these. The cost will range from £28,000 to £700,000, of which the EC will pay half. A portion of the firm's contribution can be paid "in kind", le, labour costs, materials and equipment. The scheme is called CRAFT (Cooperative Research Action for Technology). It is a new initiative of

Brite-Euram - acronyms for an EC research programme on industrial and materials technologies. Until now, small companies

without in-house research facilities have been unable to take part, but the introduction of Brite-Euram II

lasting to the end of 1993 —
gives them the chance to benefit.

We want to ensure that small firms are aware of this new opportunity." says Dr Bob Keown, the CRAFT contact in the UK. Dr Keown is at Beta Technology Ltd. Riverside House, Weedon Street, Sheffield S9 2FT. Tele-phone: 0742 422004.

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"What I want to know is, in which month is this recovery going to start?"

How to survive recession

BY DEREK HARRIS

DAVID Judge, who sells office equipment and supplies like statio-nery in Colchester, Essex, says his survival through the recession owes. much to the London Enterprise Agency and its business consultancy service. The service* offers a health check and counselling for small businesses in difficulties. Seven days of consultancy help at a subsidised price is the heart of the scheme and help for Mr Judge from the agency consultants' panel came in the person of Lisa Ball, a

sales and marketing specialist.

Mr Judge first took his worries to one of the seminars that the agency has been running on managing through a recession. When the seminars were vastly oversub-scribed, the agency responded by launching the consultancy service. The service operates mainly, but not entirely, in greater London. Mr Judge said: "I knew I had

problems. Costs were too high. There was overstaffing. Sales were down." The survival pack for Markham Office Equipment Ltd (Moel) included telesales training for some staff and a staff cut from 51 to 29, partly achieved by redundancies. He found sackings painful and he said: "I should have acted earlier but I wanted to keep the business going rather than selling some bits and keeping others

He has a retail shop and a warehouse operation to supply corporate customers, which are two



Helping hand: Lisa Ball of the London Enterprise Agency and David Judge of Markham

thirds of his business. Staff meetings for employees to make their own suggestions for saving the business proved rewarding after the suggestion came from Mrs Ball. He also rented out space in his large warehouse to make the best use of assets. This year Mr Judge expects improved turnover of El million, although at its best Moel

achieved an annual turnover of

£1.3 million. Mr Judge said: "There should be a minimal profit

 enough to keep going."
 The agency service has helped 47
 businesses so far. Marian Creighton, who had worked for the Kerr Recruitment Agency since 1974, latterly as manager and director, was keen to buy out the operation from its public-company parent, but "didn't know where to

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start". An agency consultancy solved the problem via a factoring deal, raising capital and securing strong bank backing. The deal went through last month and Mrs Creighton brought in a trading profit in her first four weeks.

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tions for them so far.

National Westminster Bank has produced a guidebook for its managers which details all the factors that can influence profit margins and turnover in 70 differ-

ent types of business.

Jane Bradford, chief of small business services at NatWest, claims it will improve the quality of service for the bank's small firms customers. She said: "Our managers have to deal with a vast range of ers have to dear with a vast range in small businesses. This material will help them gain a wider under-standing of their different needs. We should strengthen working relationships between manager and business."

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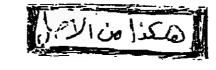
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FOCUS **CATALONIA**

Spain's dynamic 'other country'

Catalonia is using the Olympics as a way of reasserting its identity and traditions. Peter Strafford reports from a proud and distinctive region

The people's

streak of

romanticism is

tempered with

he Barcelona Olympic games, for which the city and much of Catalonia began to prepare more than seven years ago, even before Barcelona had been selected, finally open tomorrow. Stadiums and other facilities have been refur-bished or newly built in 43 venues. flags and welcoming signs have been put up, and the city itself has been given an extensive face lift, inchiding new roads, a new com-munications tower and a new airport terminal

The games were always seen as more than just 16 days of athletic competitions. For Spain as a whole, they are one of the three big events along with Expo '92 in Seville and Madrid's year as cultural capital of Europe — being staged this year to celebrate the 500th anni-versary of Christopher Cokumbus's discovery of the New World, and the country's return to the European mainstream as an increasingly prosperous democracy.

For Catalonia, they have been

more than that At the practical level. they have been an opportunity to carry out much-needed modernisation of roads, railways, the airport and other parts of the city's infrastructure, More generally, they have been seen as a till 4 R II Ville chance we dear to the distinctive character of Cataionia and its people.

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Barcelona is the second city of Spain. But it is also the first city of a region or, as many would have it, a country which feels itself to be different from the rest of Spain. Catalonia has not stood wholly on its own since the 12th century. when it joined Aragon to form the kingdom of Aragon, itself later merged with Castile to create the kingdom of Spain. But most of its six million inhabitants still speak their own language, Catalan, and have a strong awareness of a history and a character of their own-

Catalan will be an official language of the Olympic games, the Catalan flag will be flown alongside the Spanish, and there has been some resentment in the rest of Spain over Catalan attempts to

appropriate the event.

After its high point in the 13th and 14th centuries, when the Cata-lans were a power throughout the Mediterranean, the region went into decline. It had a Renaixença in the 19th century, however, when Catalonia had an industrial revolution and a flowering of artistic tal-ent. Catalan self-confidence today is based on that renewed vitality.

Barcelona is ringed by industry. much of it the product of foreign in-vestment, and it is a thriving city with the air of a capital about it that combines commercial dynamism with a lively sense of the arts and design. Pedro Fontana, the director general of operations for the Olympic games, describes it as the "capital of the Mediterranean". Pasqual Maragall, the mayor of Barcelona, sees it as being the focal

region that reaches far into France. Like the rest of Spain, Caralonia had some years of rapid growth, and now faces a period of greater economic difficulties, as the country as a whole common sense tries to reduce its budget deficit and the level of inflation

to meet European Community requirements. That affects Catalonia, but the region is one of Spain's most dynamic and faces the future with greater confidence than most. Macia Alavedra, the counsellor

for the economy in the regional government, the Generalitat, says that with less than 16 per cent of Spain's population, Catalonia ac-counts for 20 per cent of the country's gross domestic product and 25 per cent of its foreign trade. Since Spain joined the EC in 1986, it has consistently had faster economic growth than the Spanish average, and even now, when



Symbol of a confident region eager to make its mark in Europe again: the main stadium on Montjuic hill, Barcelona, home to the twenty-fifth Olympic games

growth has slowed, is expecting 2.8 per cent for this year. Unemployment is 10 per cent, well below the Spanish average of 15 per cent.

Politically, Catalonia suffered under General Franco, who set out to suppress the language and any form of national assertiveness. Today, it has a statute of autonomy, granted in 1979, and only a small minority is in favour of independence. Jordi Pujol, the Generalitat's canny leader, who heads Convergencia i Unió, the nationalist coalition, and was elected to a fourth term in March, has never advocated independence, and says firmly that Catalonia is part of Spain.

Señor Pujol is careful, however, not to affront the nationalist feelings of most Catalans, and his opponents accuse him of ambigu-

ity. He speaks constantly of Catalonia's "national identity", and insists that Madrid should give Caralonia greater freedom to manage its own

"We are working", he says, "to introduce into the Spanish state a structure in which the plurinational character of the state will be recognised. Within that framework we will be able to have a level of recognition of our economic and political power, and also of cultural freedom. There will be enough recognition of our language for the continuation and strengthening of our national identity". Senor Pujoi lays emphasis on

laying an active part in European affairs. The Catalans have always claimed to be more European than the rest of Spain, and for them the EC provides a framework within

which regions can play a greater role. Señor Pujol was recently elected president of the Assembly of European Regions, while Señor Maragall, a Socialist, is president of the European Council of Municipalities and Regions.

We believe". Senor Pujol says. "that states will transfer many areas of competence to the EC, but it would also be good if they transferred some competences to the regions. The states are too small for some policies, and they are too large for some aspects of policy. which can be better resolved at regional level."

Señor Pujol's electoral success shows he has a formula that appeals to most Catalans, whose streak of romanticism is tempered with common sense, and an awareness that there are economic advantages in the continuing link with

the rest of Spain.
There is, however, a small separatist party, Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya, which increased its seats in the regional parliament from six to 11, out of a total of 135, in the March election. There is also a non-party pressure group, Acció Olimpica, which is using the games to advocate "freedom for Catalonia" (in English), although its spokesmen say that freedom need not mean independence.

There is even a terrorist movement, Terra Lliure, meaning "free land". This has done only limited damage over the years, but several people were detained by the Spanish police this month for possible links with it.

For most Catalans, however, and particularly those who live in Barcelona, the last few years have principally meant a long succession of public works, and the traffic jams that go with them. They are now able to enjoy a city that has been cleaned up and improved, and many are proud to be showing it off. But in practical fashion, they say they are waiting to see what long-term advantages there are.

At any rate, Barcelona has a new airport terminal, designed by Ricardo Bofill, the Catalan architect, and numerous new roads, including ring roads. For the first time for many years, it has access to the sea, beaches and a marina, with the removal of a railway line that used to run along the shoreline. The area, Poble Nou, was industrial and derelict, but has been renovated and is the site of the Olympic village, where the athletes will stay.



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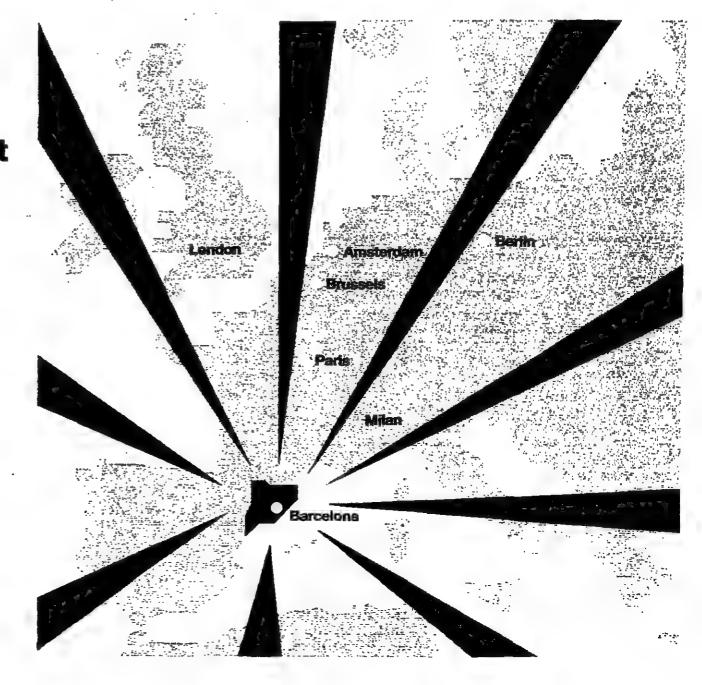
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Keep off the beach and take to the hills

Catalonia aims to attract better-off tourists who are interested in more than seaside

holidays. Peter Strafford describes what is on offer in a region of rich variety

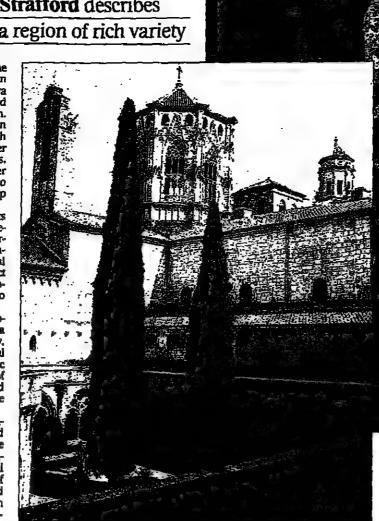
atalonia has some of the best-known beaches in Europe, the Costa Brava he Costa Daurada to the south. But now that prices have gone up in Spain, and other countries - both in the Mediterranean and further afield - can offer cheaper holidays. sun, sea and sand are no longer enough, and the region is trying to reduce its dependence on cheap

holidays by the beach.
We are a small country with its own identity, and we have some-thing distinctive to offer the toursays Lluis Alegre, the counsellor for tourism in the regional government. We want to attract government the better-off tourists who are interested in Catalonia itself, and to offer them high quality.

The biggest attraction is Barcelona itself, which has always been a lively and attractive harbour city. with a well-preserved medieval centre, the Barri Gotic, or Gothic quarter, and a unique selection of buildings by Antoni Gaudi and other Catalan architects of the modernist movement.

Much of the city is like an open-air stage, from the broad tree-lined promenade of the Rambias, where there are street performers along-side stalls selling flowers and small birds, to the broad boulevards of the Eixample and the parks and squares, many of which have been given new sculptures for the Olympic games.

Catalonia, however, is a big region that stretches from the peaks of the Pyrenees to the delta of the Ebro, and there is a range of natural scenery and historical and architectural monuments. Much of it is traditional Mediterranean scenery, with olive-trees, pines and vineyards, but there are natural parks in the mountains and by the coast, and scope for walking, golfing and, in winter, skiing. are Greek remains at



One exceptional area is the valleys of the Pyrenees, where the people of Visigothic Spain took refuge when the Moors swept over most of the Iberian peninsula early in the eighth century. There they built Romanesque churches and monasteries which they decorated with mural paintings and sculptures in wood and stone.

Some of the best are in the Vall de Bol, in the far north-west of Catalonia, where the twin churches of Taüll, and others in Boi, Erill-la-Vall, Barruera and Coll, all tiny villages, raise their elegant towers against the mountainsides. The surviving murals are no longer in place, having been removed for protection, but they are normally on display in the Museum of Catalan Art in Barcelona, now being re-

modelled. They have great power

Nearby is the national park of Aigüestories and Lake Sant Maurici, with its mountains. streams and lakes, where visitors can walk along rough paths through unspoilt scenery. Beyond is another valley, the Vall d'Aran, where there are more Romanesque churches and traces of the valley's own original language, Aranès.

Nearer to Barcelona, and easy to reach on a day trip, are three Cistercian religious houses whose style and magnificence are a reminder of a later period in Catalonia's history, when it was a flourishing partner in the kingdom of Aragon. The two monasteries. Poblet and Santes Creus, each have royal tombs, and the richness of decoration that went with royal patronage. The third, Vallbona, was a convent, and it, too, has a grandeur that contrasts with the village it dominates.

The Cistercians built in a transitional style, in which Romanesque was evolving into Gothic, and the two styles are often mixed. All three religious houses have austere churches with pure lines, but each also has a principal cloister in which there is an elaboration of detail that belies the austerity. There are finely carved arches in the warm yellowish stone and, high

above, an imposing beli-tower tops the church.

Monastic style: the grandeur of Poblet, left, where the kings of Aragon were buried, and above, Montserrat, symbol of Catalan nationhood

They are all in country settings. and the road out from Barcelona runs through Catalonia's main wine growing area, the Penedes, Santes Creus and Vallbona receive few visitors, and have an age-old peace and quiet broken only by bird song and the sound of fountains, while Poblet, the biggest and grandest, is busier.

Very different, and easy to see on the way back to Barcelona, is the monastery of Montserrat, This has a speciacular setting, halfway up a towering cliff-face that color in the sheer, pointed peaks that give the range its name — the sawtooth

mountain. Montserrat has a Black Virgin, a carved wooden statue said to have been discovered in the 12th century, and it has long held a special significance for Catalans as a symbol of their nationhood. Wagner used it as the setting for the castle in which the Holy Grail was

kept in Parsifal.

Today there is little left of the original monastery buildings, which were destroyed by Napoleon's troops in the 19th century. But the Black Virgin survives, now possible over the retuilt hastice. presiding over the rebuilt basilica, and Montserrat continues to be an important pilgrimage centre. The mountain setting is dramatic and

Barcelona believes it is more businesslike than Madrid. But there are strains ahead

Engine of the economy slows

To most Catalans, it is obvious that, for business. Barcelona is a more serious place than Madrid, even though Madrid has become a serious rival as an industrial and financial centre. Joan Ferrer, head of Cidem, the regional government's business development unit, regards higher productivity as part of Catalonia's "heritage".

So when the Economist Intelligence Unit last year predicted an average growth rate of nearly 4 per cent over the next four years, the highest for any region in Europe, it seemed to confirm Catalonia's economic pre-eminence. Joining the European Community's single market, which starts next year, would be a shock for the rest of Spain but

a great chance for Catalonia. The forecasts have since had to be toned down, as the whole Spanish economy has exhibited unmistakable signs of slowing. Robert Tornabell, the finance department head at Barcelona's ESADE business school, and co-author of the Economist survey, says the forecasts now look too buoyant. A more realistic growth

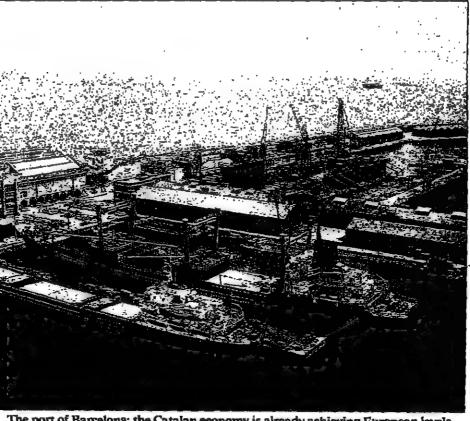
figure would be 2.7 per cent. The severe "convergence plan" unveiled this year by Carlos Solchaga, the Spanish economy minister, is a factor. One of its key aims is the cutting of Spain's budget defi-cit. "The mood is that we -and I mean Spain because in this country there is only one economy - have been living beyond our means, and that we are going to pay for it," says Alfonso Casanova, the manager of Hay Management

Consultants in Barcelona. Even so. Catalonia's projected growth is up to 1 per cent above the rest of Spain, and there is some statistical eviderice to show that the Catalan economy is already achieving European levels. The region has a level of disposable income per caput only slightly lower than the European average, its manufacturing wages, according to American fig-ures, are negligibly behind those of Britain, and unemployment, at 10 per cent, is about two-thirds that of the rest of Spain.

Some Catalan institutions serve as models for Spanish business, such as La Caixa, the savings bank that, with 4,500 billion pesetas (£25 billion) in assets, is probably the coun-try's most solid financial institution, and Chupa Chups, the one-product lollipop manufacturer that claims to export to more countries - 90 - than any other from a single

Señor Ferrer does not conceal his concern about 1993, but his department has been successful in selling Catalonia to the rest of the world and in the media management that was vital to the planning of the Olympics, and he sees Catalonia carving out a niche for itself in design, publicity and

marketing.
The engines driving Catalonia's rapid growth over the past five years have been foreign investment and, in construction, the Olympics. About 80 per cent of Japanese manufacturing investment in Spain



The port of Barcelona: the Catalan economy is already achieving European levels

has found its way to Catalonia, creating more than 20,000 jobs. The first Japanese group to start manufacturing here, and still the biggest, is Nissan iberica, which makes trucks. vans and four-wheel-drive vehicles for sale throughout Europe. It aims to be selling 50 per cent of its production outside Spain by 1995.

In Nissan's wake came Yamaha, Honda, Panasonic and more recently Sony whose television factory is said by the company to be the most efficient outside Japan. When Volkswagen bought SEAT, Spain's largest car-maker, the whole of the industry in Catalonia became foreign-owned. Fast growth, however, is

producing its own problems. For multinationals casting an eye over the EC, the low price of labour is no longer one of the region's attractions, nor are land prices. Higher costs have forced the Catalan textile industry, which dates back to the 19th century, into what may be a terminal slump, and some of its operators are even

moving to Morocco. f expenditure linked to the Olympic games, which is estimated by Barcelona's city council to amount to no less than £15 billion, less than 10 per cent was spent on sports facilities. Meeting the Olympic deadline gave Catalonia an impe-

tus to modernise its infrastructure before the single market opens. In many cases the money was spent on speeding up existing projects, such as the building of Barcelona's ring road, the redevelopment of the coastal strip where the Olympic village now stands, and the remodelling of Barce-

lona's airport. Whatever has not now been constructed, will have to wait. Barcelona's city council is sad-dled with about £1.5 billion of debt, and is matching its fouryear spending frenzy with a four-year austerity programme. The council has already started to cut jobs.

JUSTIN WEBSTER

The city of modernisme is game for change

Olympics prompt a revamp in Barcelona

erceiona is a city that has always tried to exploit its moments in the spotlight to carry out programmes of urban development, it held international exhibitions in 1888 and 1929, and did much

then to reshape the city. At the turn of the last century it became Spain's most advanced city, the symbol of modernity, as a result of the industrial revolution. This was the golden age of Cataian architecture, of the art nouveau buildings of Antoni Gaudi, Lluis Domènech i Montaner and Josep Puig i Cadafalch, mas-ters all of the style that is known in Catalan as

modernisme. Now, on the occasion of the Olympics, Barcelona has had another significant period of urban development "We have used the games as a pretext", says Pasqual Maragall, the Socialist may-or, "to mobilise all the energies that had lain dormant

in this city for years." Señor Maragall's shopping list has been long and expensive. Apart from sport-ing installations and other facilities for the games, Barcelona needed an improved airport, new ring roads, hotels, sewerage and telecommunications systems, even

new beaches.

The opening of the city to the Mediterranean, on which it had turned its back since the arrival of the railway lines of the last century, was an important part of the plans. The Olympic village, where the athletes will stay,

has been built on the industrial wasteland of Proble Nov. and was sited to re-neutraling Barcelona with the se

Barcelona's reputation as design-conscious, amistic city was catered for, too. Many of the new public spaces organical in the city have been liberally endowed with expensive and sometimes controversial pieces of modern scalpture

In total more than 56 billion has been poured into Barcelonas Ricardo Befill the Catalan architect, has designed the revamped airport, as well as the new Catalan National Theatre, and the National Institute of Physical Education, where the wrestling will take place. Other internationally re-nowned architects have also

left their mark: Sir Neutnan



Gandi's Sagrada Familia

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ot everyone is happy, however. "Nothing they have done", says Linis Racionero, a town-planner and writer. who is one of the few Catalans to have struck a critical note, "compares with the glories of Gaudi". And the fact remains that in its furious dash for Olympic glosy Barcelona has lost part

of its identity.
"I do not think any city in the world has put together such a powerful effort in terms of design and architecture in such a short space of time", says Peter Hodgkinson, a senior partner of Señor Bofill, who came to Barcelona from Britain in the 1960s. But he laments the demise of the city he first knew and fell in love with all those years ago.

Barcelona used to be a expical sort of Mediterramantic with its little corners," he says. "All that has now gone".

FRANK SMITH

WINE has been made in Catalonia for more than three millennia, since the art was first introduced to the region by the Greeks. But it is only in recent decades. as modern wine-making techniques have been introduced, that Catalan wines have come to be widely appreciated

outside the region. The main success story has been the sparkling cava wines, named after the underground galleries in which they are fermented. They are Spain's answer to champagne, and it is symbolic, given the Greek origin both of the Olympic games and of Catalan wine, that Freixenet, the biggest exporter of cavas and an official sponsor of the games, has produced 150,000 bottles of a special reserve to toast the event. Called Brut Reserva Olimpica, its vintage is 1986, the year that Barcelona was chosen to be host of the 1992 games. The fermentation technique is the méthode champenoise. but the grapes, macabeo, xarello and

parellada, are unique to Catalonia. The cavas are only a recent arrival on the Catalan scene. Josep Raventos, of Codorniu, now the second biggest producer of cava, started producing sparkling wine using the méthode cham-

penoise at the end of the last century, and it was only in 1986 that cava was officially adopted as a denominacion de origen, when Josep's great-grandson, Josep Maria Raventós, known as Señor Cava, was president of the Consejo Regulador de los Vinos Espumosos.

Spain now has 245 cava producers, most of them based in the Penedes, Catalonia's wine-growing region. The cava bodegas cluster around the town of Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, a 30-minute drive west of Barcelona, while the makers of still wine gravitate towards the nearby Vilafranca del Penedès, headquarters of Bodegas Torres, Spain's biggest wine

Cava bodegas exported 44.8 million bottles last year. This was 5 per cent down on the year before, but the price attained, of 12 billion pesetas (£67 million), was up 5.8 per cent from 1990, a record. Agusti Torello i Mata, the presi-



Ancient wines take on a new sparkle

As techniques improve, local vineyards are winning a growing reputation for their produce.

The wheel thing: gathering the grapes in a Catalan vineyard

dent of the Confraria del Cava Sant Sadurni, the cava producers' association, says the figures can be partly explained by an increase in exports of quality cavas. Freixenet, which accounted for 71 per cent of bottles exported in 1991, and Codorniu, which had 23 per cent, are

both moving towards the quality market. "It is easier to enter a market at the bottom and then move up once people start to know your product," says Manuel Durán, the deputy president of Freixenet.

There are smaller, high-quality produc-

ers, such as Raventos i Bianc, which account for a small part of exports but are making their mark in such prestige shops as Harrods, and as a "house" cava in restaurants across Europe. Raventos i Blanc was founded in 1986 by Josep Maria Raventós after he sold his shares in Codorniu to set up on his own.

Cava may be the star of Catalan wines. but the age-old culture of making still wines continues. The Penedès is not only the centre of the cava industry, but is also an important producer of fresh, young white wines that complement the local seafood based cuisine, and of a smaller

number of reds. -The region has a varied climate, similar to that of California, and that has allowed. now, with Mignel Torres, in the fifthgeneration of wine-growers, to cultivate 15 different grapes on 900 hectares of vineyards to produce 15 or so different

varieties of wine. The most renowned are Vina Sol, a dry white using parellada grapes, and Sangre de Toro, an oak-aged red that isses garnacha and cariñena. For wine lovers wanting to try the

produce of a small-scale bodega, Ramon Balada's Viña Toda, based on zarello grapes, was nominated the best white wine in Spain by Gourmets, the Spanish magazine in 1990.

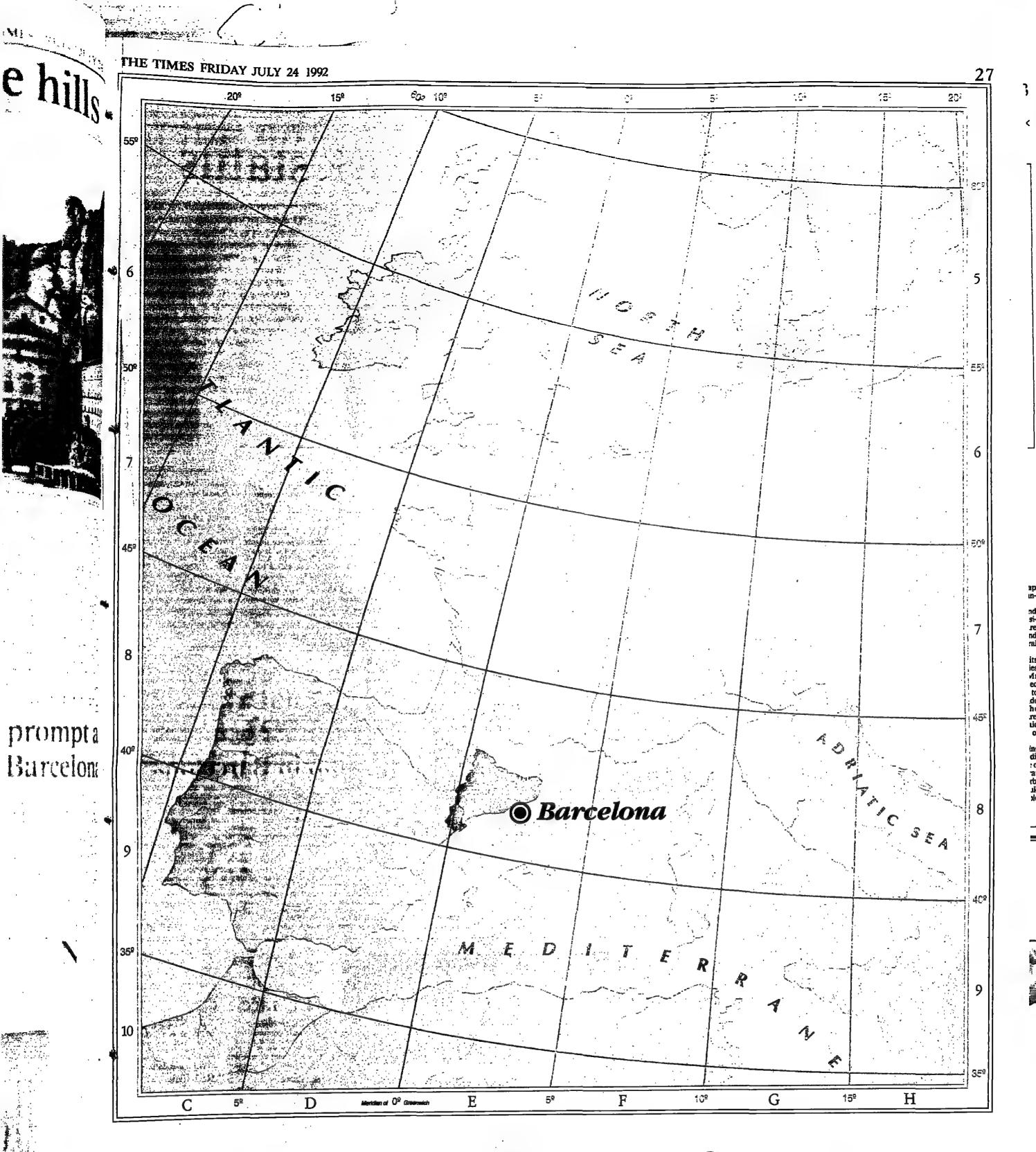
The recent success of Catalan wates is

due to the fact that the region now has some of the most modern wine-making techniques in Spain. "The region is in a privileged geographical position." says Ramon Balada, a wine-maker. "It has benefited from being only a day's drive array from the majorary from the ma

benesited from being only a day's grow-away from the major wine-growing areas of France, Italy and Germany."

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Making the leap to maverick status

Buying a computer has never been more bewildering. Kim Wilson

explains some of the dilemmas

trying an office computer seems to be getting hard-er. The old saying that "nobody ever got fired for buying IBM" used to contain a measure of truth but today IBM is just one manufacturer among

other companies offer personal computers that are faster or cheaper or even, it is whispered, more compatible with the industry standard than the IBM PC itself. To make matters worse, there are now good reasons for not even buying a compatible PC at all.

The industry standard is so dominant that the term PC is now usually taken to refer only to IBMcompatible machines.

But Apple — the only company that has persisted in selling a mass market PC that does not conform to the industry standard - now has Macintosh computers in high street stores at prices that make even PC buffs stop and think.

By signing an agreement with Apple Computer to co-operate on several technology projects. IBM itself seems to have endorsed the maverick Mac. Despite the recession, Apple's market share has increased considerably, particularly in the small and medium-size business sectors, where it is in a contest with well-established PC

A typical Macintosh convert is Edward Carter, a partner in Eastwick Lodge, a thriving farm and animal feed business near Harlow, Essex. Before he bought his stock control and accounting system, he had a shortlist of a dozen

options drawn up for him. 11 of

which were PC-based. "We were committed to the PC because it was the industry standard, and we had found a system that we liked," he says. "But for the sake of completeness we also looked at the Macintosh. When I got in front of the machine I realised that here was a computer that worked the way I wanted it to. By comparison, all of the PC systems were disappointing."

The company now has nine Macintoshes running customised software and is installing a high-speed network to cope with more than 10,000 ledger transactions a

At the Business Superstore in Acton, west London, which sells the Macintosh alongside PCs, Les Glaysher, the deputy manager, says it is proving popular with small businesses, though some customers are uncertain about the wisdom of abandoning the PC mainstream.

"You do cut yourself off to some extent," he says, "If your business plan shows a need for expansion into areas that are dominated by PCs, perhaps you should be looking at buying a PC-compatible system. Some customers think it is better to be conservative."

The user-friendly Macintosh has long been the computer of choice for creative work — from graphic design to architecture — but it is only with recent price cuts that Apple has started to change the Mac's image as an expensive élite machine and to pose a serious



Farm favourite: Edward Carter knew instantly that he and the Macintosh were compatible. His company now has nine running customised software

nated areas. We still live in a PC world, however. Most businesses use PCs instead of Macs by a factor of at least ten to one, and, unfortunately, the PC and the Macintosh are not even properly compatible with each other. On the Macintosh all files and programs are represented pictorially and most commands are issued with a hand-held mouse device rather than from the keyboard. This is arguably more intuitive than typing comm-

Users claim that the Macintosh is easier to operate than the PC, with a consequent increase in productivcosts. Internally, however, the PC and the Mac are so different that programs cannot be switched from one to the other. A PC accounts program simply will not run on a Macintosh.

Instead, software manufacturers offer "cross-platform compatibility", where PC and Macintosh programs can read each other's data files. in some offices the existing accounts program contin-ues to be run on a PC, but it is now fed with sales information prepared on a Macintosh.

In the sincerest form of flattery, the large PC software company

similar way to the Macintosh. Fairly powerful PCs are needed to run Windows properly, but even so the PC with Windows combination can match or even beat the Macin-tosh on price. The Macintosh is still seen as the easiest to use because its system hardware and software are integrated in a way that the PC and Windows never can be, but with every new version of Windows

Hence Apple's decision to make the Macintosh available in the high

the equation gets more finely

balanced.

Mr Carter still thinks that the Mac scores over the PC. "The staff to learn the confusing language of DOS. It has networking built in." What happens next? Computer purchasers have bitter experience of investing heavily in equipment that cannot be integrated with future

IBM and Apple have announced that they will jointly be making a radically different type of computer that combines the best of both the PC and the Macintosh. Analysts predict that it could gain a 40 per cent market share.

Microsoft and the main PC-compatible manufacturers, however, have announced a rival range of Windows-based new techstreets before the IBM/Apple Power PC. These two different kinds of computer will be, needless to say, incompatible.

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What is the bewildered buyer to think? Mr Glaysher admits that making the right choice is almost impossibly difficult.

You should be looking to write down the costs of your system over three years or so, but that's also when the fruits of the agreement between Apple and IBM will be seen. Frankly, a lot of the decision making has to be subjective.

♠ Kim Wilson is the author of The New User's Mac Book, published by Sigma

landmark in the opening up of A European telecommunications has been achieved, although it has received scarce attention. For operators of private data networks, however, it could mean the biggest single change to the way they run their networks, offering them more control, greater flexibility and substantially lower costs.

Recently Europe's major telephone operators, including BT, which own Eurelsat, the European satellite organisation, decided to break the monopoly over access to satellites for telecommunications.

Until now those wishing to use satellite communications have had to go via their local national telephone operator. However. Eutelsat has now approved the idea of "multiple access".

This means that organisations can now book their satellite capacity through any member of Eutelsat according to which one offers the best service and price. Eutelsat, like other satellite operators, charges its members a flat rate, but the rates passed on to customers include mark-ups that can range from 7 per cent to more than 200 per cent, depending on the country.

National operators say the extra charges are for administrative costs, the cost of the equipment needed to send the information to a satellite and so on. So a satellite user can find it cheaper to book

abroad rather than at home. Already at least one private satellite data Closer co-operation between European countries has made data networking a common market

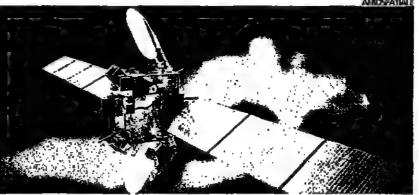
A community of satellites

network operator has shopped around for the best deal for the past six months Germany's Teleport Europe has been buying its Eutelsat satellite time in Britain and not in Germany.

The company says it is enjoying a substantial discount, estimated to be close to 30 per cent. But, more importantly, by booking via Britain the company is not being forced to alert Deutsche Telekom its main rival -- to its business plans.

Satellite data networks have become a viable alternative to leased lines, mainly thanks to the advent of very small aperture terminal (VSAT) technology. VSATs are low-cost ground stations with dishes not much larger than those for domestic satellite television.

In America some thousands of private data networks based on VSAT, many of them with thousands of nodes, are already in operation. Applications range from car manufacturers distributing price and part stock information to their dealers to soft drinks vending machines letting their owners know when they need to be



Junction-box in the sky: the Eutelsat II telecommunications satellite

Shell oil company, IBM, the computer company, and Hutchison and Mercury. the radio paging operators.

IBM is testing VSAT to distribute

software updates to agents, dealers and

They are only just beginning to take off customers across Europe, while in Europe. Among the pioneers are Hutchison and Mercury are using them Renault, the car maker, Texas Instru-ments, the computer chip manufacturer, because it is cheaper to feed their radio paging base stations via satellite than over paging base stations via satellite than over private telephone lines.

Private data networks recently received another boost when France and Germany agreed on the mutual recognition of satellite licences between the two coun-

tries. The move means that since the beginning of this month companies wishing to operate satellite networks in either country will have to contact only one regulator.

The contacted administration will coordinate the examination of the application and will issue the necessary authorisations for the establishment of such networks in

both countries. This sort of move should help create a. favourable regulatory environment for the development of pan-European VSAT networks. Previously both Germany and France have held talks with Britain and there have also been discussions between

Britain and the Netherlands. Agreement was reached on the ex-changing of information about their respective satellite service licensing regimes, but fell short of the full mutual recognition of licences. Britain is concerned that full mutual recognition would

encroach on national sovereignty. Mutual recognition, the Department of Trade and Industry fears, would effectively mean giving Germany's post and

telecommunications minister the authority to offer licences under the UK's Telecommunications Act encroaching on his British equivalent's jurisdiction.
The European Commission, however,

is planning to issue two directives to member governments which will push the issue. The first will make satellite equipment with approval in any one country valid in all others across the EC, while the second will establish the principle that a licence issued in one country should be valid for all other EC countries.

n the future,a further directive on a pan-European mobile telephone sys-tem will also have a clause relating to satellite equipment designed to ensure, for example, that satellite communications equipment installed in long-distance lorries is not removed from the cab at frontiers.

The final barrier to users' access to satellites is likely to be removed within the next two years, when Europe should see its first privately owned smellites in orbit and publicly owned operators such as Eutelsat will be able to sell capacity directly to users rather than via the major. European telephone operators.

At that point, for many businesses satellite networks will start to become the norm for data communications, and not the exception.

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Sony spurs CD race

SONY has developed a "blue" laser that it says could triple the capacity of compact discs. The laser produces a blue "needle" of light to write and read data on CDs. Because blue has a shorter wavelength than red, the new needle is much sharper and can pack

data more closely. That will boost the playing time for a 12cm audio disc to three and a half hours from the present 74 minutes. The canacity of data discs will also be increased.

The laser is still in the development phase, and Sony could not say when it would be incorporated into a consumer product. Researchers in Japan, Europe and the United States have been racing to develop the promising blue laser technology. Fighting on price

IBM has cut the price of some of its portable computers in the UK by about a third to try to make them more competitive. At the same time more extensive price cuts were an-nounced in the US. The cost has been cut of various desktop personal computers in the company's PS/2 line, making IBM's list price in the US for the 56 SLC-055 \$2,485 (£1,300). That compares with a British price of £2,550. The actual selling price in both countries will be lower.

Air harmony The European Commission

has proposed setting standards to make air traffic control equipment and com-munications compatible throughout the 12 member nations. The common standards would apply to com-

munications among air traffic control centres, air traffic control computer systems, radar systems and planning of an optimal route network.

Because of incompatible systems and lack of coordination, air traffic authorities communicate largely by telephone. The bill would force EC members to adopt standards recommended by Eurocontrol, the 22-members body set up to coordinate European air traffic control.

RSI link

PSYCHOLOGICAL factors, such as job insecurity or pressure are linked to repetitive strain injuries according to a US government report. The conclusions of the threeyear study by the National Institute for Occupational



Safety and Health went beyond most other research into the physical causes of injuries related to working with computer keyboards. What the report failed to

determine was whether job insecurity was a cause of repetitive strain injury of whether the injuries workers already had made them fee less secure about their jobs. The study, made at the request of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the telephone company US West, found that 22 per cent of the 533 participants had upper-body

repetitive strain disorders



Any offers for BBC airtime?

ny shift workers or insomniacs who turned on their television and flipped channels in the early hours of Wednesday morning this week may have noticed something very odd. The BBC was broadcasting unscrambled, edited highlights from a company's annu-I general meeting.
The AGM, for Cable and Wire-

less, was the first in what the BBC hopes will be a series.

In the small hours of next Wednesday, Nuclear Electric's anmual report to analysis and press conference will be broadcast, followed a day later by the AGM for Scottish Power. The broadcasts go out at 5.30 am.

The fact that the number of viewers for such programmes is minute does not matter because the BBC is earning revenue by selling. this unused airtime to industry. Curiously, this is possible because the BBC is not using the new scrambling technology that its engineers have helped to develop.

The BBC is confident that it is operating within the law and its charter of independence and has now licensed BMH Communications, an independent company, to sell small-hours airtime to companies that want to show their shareholders what goes on at their AGM. The programes are not

Anyone can watch or, more

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Strange things are happening on television, all part of the corporation's money-making. Barry Fox tunes in

broadcast at unsocial times, the BBC assists their videotaping by arranging for the programmes to be identified by the Videoplus numbers and bar codes now used to control the timers of some video

The BBC already had Home Office clearance to sell unused air time for scrambled programming, a scheme that fits in neatly with the govemment's long-term plan to make the BBC more dependent on its own earned revenue.

The Home Office then gave the BBC clearance to use the unscrambled system for public sector services, for instance, to inform viewers on new

government pension schemes. The BBC took legal advice and decided it could stretch the Home Office ruling to cover the AGMs of large companies. Most AGMs are of such low news value that the BBC would allot them only a few minutes, at most, on its television

For £40,000 a half-hour or £60,000 an hour, companies can now have the BBC transmit as much of their AGMs as they like.

In each case, the companies will pay only to broadcast edited high-lights, usually half an hour, cut from the several hours that an AGM lasts. Recognising that this is open to abuse, the BBC insists that one of its commissioning editors is present during editing - a move the corporation argues will ensure that the edited highlights are a

The number of viewers for

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reasonable and truthful version of

the event, with no editing out of

awkward questions to the chair-

man. The broadcasts will also be

dearly identified as paid for, to

distinguish them from the BBC's

own programmes. Earlier this year, the BBC started

its Select subscription service.

which offers specialist television

companies airtime during the

night hours when the corporation

is not using its transmitters. The

business information. which can be received only by those who have paid for a subscription and installed a BBC decoder, which unscrambles the signal and switches on a VCR to tape it for later viewing.
The AGM transmisions are being listed in Radio Times. as part of

the previous night's programming. They are to be found after the listing for Executive Business Club, , a business information service broadcast bebut that does not matter since tween 2.15 am and 3.15 am. which is described as 'scrambled and available

> magazine gives a transmis-sion time for highlights of an AGM, although there is no explanation that the AGM transmission is unscrambled and paid for.

only to subscribers". The

The BBC'S original intention was to use the scrambling system known as Videocrypt — that BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, uses for subscription channels. At the transmitter, an encoder chops up each horizontal line of the picture into uneven halves.

At the receiver, a decoder

this only if it is equipped with a valid smart card that contains vital codes - and only paying subscribers have a valid card.

BBC engineers worked with Thomson, the French electronics company, to modify the decoders that Thomson makes for BSkvB. but found that the scrambling system did not work as reliably for terrestrial broadcasts as for those from satellite. Reflections from buildings, hill and even trees may

spoil the pictures.

The BBC and Thomson therefore modified the scrambling system so that it is resistant to reflections. Whole lines of the picture are juggled in position, not cut into halves for juggling. This system is already being used to broadcast the Executive Business

The snag is that the decoder now relies on complicated electronics and the BBC charges £275 for supply and installation, in addition to whatever subscription the programme provider charges. This added cost is likely to restrict potential audiences, increasing the attraction of selling airtime that can be transmitted "clear", without be transmitted scrambling.

It means that instead of the viewer being charged for specialist programming, what is shown will have to be material of a type that companies will pay to be screened.

Enter a cave full of virtual reality

Real life situations mix well with

simulation in a new American project

ome of the oldest pictures were made on the walls of caves, but the artists of Lascaux probably never imagined a cave where the walls and floor melt away to reveal a complex world of colourful, detailed three-dimensional moving images.

Visitors to a computer graphics exhibition in Chicago next week will have the chance to step into just such a place. The "Cave" is a 10ft by 10ft room. On its three walls and its floor, projectors throw moving, computer-generated pictures. Visitors will don 3D glasses, which make the images leap off the wall.

Some objects appear to occupy space in the middle of the room so that it is possible to walk around the image of a building, a molecule or a piece of furniture, and view it from the opposite side.

The Cave, which can accommodate up to 10 people a time, was developed by computer scientists and engineers at the University of Illinois, and is the first really new approach to virtual reality since the introduction of helmets containing tiny display screens. The best helmets can show only 480 rows of 640 coloured dots — pixels — to each eye. Projectors can deliver a sharper image. On each wall of the Cave are 1,024

rows of 1280 pixels. Helmet users often find that the whole world seems to swing around, as the computer recalculates the picture after a sudden turn of the head. Unlike the tiny screens in a helmet, the Cave's walls stay put, making this recalculation unnecessary.

But perhaps the biggest

and other virtual realities is that it is a shared experience. "The problem with virtual reality systems, certainly the headmounted ones, is that you are on your own," said Professor DeFanti of Chicago University. Trainer and student, or architect and client, can explore together

Everyone wearing the glasses can experience a 3D effect, but only one person sees the scene in perfect perspective because the computers can track the position of only one person's head. The person in control uses a "wand" to point at objects and make things happen. The wand's function is similar to that of mouse attached to a personal computer.

Professor DeFanti believes there are many commercial applications for the system. which costs more than £250,000, but will become cheaper as the price of computer power continues to fall.

Caterpillar, the earth-moving equipment maker, is working with the National Center for Supercomputer Applications to use virtual reality to test cab designs for visibility. Experiments are likely to use the Cave, where reality and simulation can be mixed, so a simulated cab could contain real control levers.

Eastlake Studios, a Chicago architectural company, will use the Cave to plan the layout of furniture and computer workstations in big offices, and to check that proposed buildings are accessible to wheelchairs. Data Display Corporation, the manufacturer of the Cave's projectors, is developing a trans-portable version of the Cave.

Tony Durham • The author is editor of the news-

BT puts teleworking service to the test

BRITISH Telecom's new oneyear teleworking trial involv-ing home-based directory enquiry operators in Scotland is a triumph of technology but what will we learn about teleworking as a business

Modern technology is often impressive when seen in use. Take for example, BT's lintegrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - a much . publicised but, as yet, little used technology. The service is the key to BT's experiment in teleworking. Launched last month, the experiment involves ten directory enquiry operators from the inverness telephone exchange being relocated to work from home for

a year. Each operator has been given a desk unit which contains a PC videophone and a call management console. An ISDN line into the home allows the operator to process work normally and to have slowscan video communication with the operator centre in Inverness.

BT says that the equipment costs are about £17,000 per operator. Other hidden costs are the ISDN line connection (£400), two and a half days training per operator, and the unspecified cost of developing specialised software to run the system. ISDN is being used because as a digital service it offers a faster data rate than normal phone lines

and can support slow-scan TV. It also offers two channels a line instead of the one given with analogue connections.

The teleworking operators, who deal with about 400 calls on an eight hour shift, use the videophone link to talk with their supervisor and other teleworkers. There is also a link to the restroom at the inverness exchange to allow them to chat with other operators to catch up on the gossip. For those involved in the

Researchers are

eye on an

experiment in

experiment, the initial winners are the volunteer operators, who are saving on the time and cost of commuting. Shona McGougan, an operator who works from home in Fortrose, near inverness, says she saves £50 a month and one and a half hours a day because

agreed targets. she no longer has to travel to

volunteers. Nevertheless it has imposed some rules Home from home: an operator at work

work. Her salary is the same two of the teleworkers are

There are still some grey areas relating to the implementation of teleworking. One aspect is that the room must be seen to be used for other purposes so that the householder does not become liable for capital gains tax as they would were the room classified as being set aside solely for business. In addi-

but BT is covering heating costs during the trial.

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given BT a clear indication of whether the teleworkers will keeping a close be taxed under the business rate because they are using home as a workplace.

A further technicality was insurers of each property to request confirmation that the work and equipment did not invalidate the present insur-

ance. BT says that insurance costs have not been affected. On the software side, the main menu allows the user to select from: videophone, noticeboard, breaks request, mail and emergency. An option is being developed to check the operator's productivity against

cil, the local authority has not

BT emphasises that while the technology is important. there is just as much effort being put into ensuring that teleworking is judged a pleasant environment both physically and socially for the

that would perhaps not be acceptable to most office workers. All teleworkers are barred from answering or making personal phone calls during their shift and visitors to the front door must be ignored. A BT official says a sign can be displayed on the door explaining that visitors cannot be dealt with. Even a lavatory break must be requested via the operator terminal. The system ensures that no more than

away from their terminals at the same time.

No doubt Aberdeen University psychology department, which is carrying out research during the 12 month trial, will wish to assess whether such conditions prove stressful to

"I am enjoying it so far," said Ms McGougan, "I do not really miss the office environment because I can gossip via the videophone. And being at home means that I can get on with domestic chores during breaks."

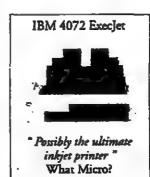
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DeFrantz elected to IOC board



FROM DAVID MILLER IN BARCELONA

URGENTLY needing to real Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday elected to its execu-tive board Anita DeFrantz. whose reputation for principle stands indelibly beside traditional Games stalwarts of the past century.
The United States team

captain in 1976 and a rowing eight bronze medal-winner, DeFrantz challenged in cour the Carter boycott of 1980. Chosen by Peter Ueberroth as a key figure in hosting the Games of 1984, she is president of the Amateur Athletics Elected to the IOC in 1986. she becomes only the second woman member of the executive board.

DeFrantz, who will be 40 in October, replaces her dis-graced colleague, Robert Helmick, vice-president of the IOC and president of the US Olympic Committee, who was forced to resign for financial malpractice last December. She will now bring, not only to the executive but to the whole IOC, an aura of honesty that will help prepare the damage inflicted by recent criticism.

General Henry Adefope, of Nigeria, one of three Africans who failed to gain election from a total of 11 candidates - Richard Pound, of Canada, and Ashwini Kumar, of India, return after previous service said afterwards: "It's a plea-

sure to have her there." So unblemished DeFrantz's record and so modest, yet reassuring, her manner, that it is conceivable she could become a rival to Pound, Kevin Gosper, of Australia, and Jacques Rogge, of Belgium, as successor to Juan Antonio Samaranch. She is bound to be re-elected for a

Redgrave elected to carry flag

Steven Redgrave will be Britain's flag bearer at the Olympic Games opening ceremony in Barcelona tomorrow.

Managers from each sport voted for Redgrave, aged 30, from Mariow, who will be seeking his third successive Olympic rowing gold medal. If he and Matthew Pinsent win the coxless pairs. Redgrave will match the three Olympic golds won from 1920 to 1936 by Jack Beresford, the last oarsman to carry the flag for Britain.

Drug bill backed

British Olympic team mem-bers yesterday backed a private member's bill that aims to extend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to cover anabolic steroids. Kriss Akabusi, Liz McColgan, Roger Black, Steven Redgrave, Adrian Moorhouse and Sharon Davies supported the Misuse of Drugs (Anabolic Steroids) bill that was introduced last month by Menzies Campbell. an Olympian who once held the UK 100 metres sprint record. Because of parliamentary procedure, the bill is unlikely to become law.

Legal challenge

A Lagos High Court judge has ordered Nigeria to reinstate Tina Iheagwan and Charity Opara to its Olympic team pending the determination today of their motion challenging the use of a foreign medical report to ban them. lheagwan and Opara, the African women's 400 metres record-holder, were among six athletes dropped from the team after banned substances were allegedly found in their urine samples. The samples

Football first

Football will kick off the Barcelona Olympic Games today, the day before the Opening ceremony.

OLYMPIC YMMETABLE (all times BSI).

TODAY: Football; Group A. Spiritally v. United States, in Barradions Torn: Potential v. Kuwait, Zangoza. Group B: Torn: Spain v. Colombia, Valencia: Egypt v. Ostar, Sabadell. TOMORRIOW: Torn. Opening commons.

There is a full guide to athletics, swimming, equestrianism and yachting in The Times Olympic Games supplement today



Happy team: Britain's three-day eventers, from left, Walker, Dixon, Thomson and Stark, in Barcelona yesterday

On the acclaim of the 90 members present, Samaranch yesterday said that he would stand for re-election himself when his present term expires next year. This was the predictable response of the memunprecedented criticism and harrassment to which the president has been exposed.

DeFrantz, who tried to avoid being drawn into prediction or promise about her ambitions in her new office, nomination for the two fouryear vacancies, preferring instead to be nominated for the Helmick's resignation. By 65 votes to 20 she was preferred to Jan Staubo, of Norway, who had hoped to represent the interests of Lillehammer, the

Part of the charm of DeFrantz is her multicultural and racial background, which is why she is so widely welcomed by her colleagues. "I don't believe in segregating the world," she said deferentially. "I'm not sure if I'm an African-American or an American-African." A slave descendant, her grandparents and parents were active reform campaigners.

"My feeling on appoint ment is a sense of representing my IOC colleagues on the board, and the interest of the utive board does work well. and I shall be trying to give what I know and what I have learned. This is the most influential committee of the IOC and my election means that members are treated as

in the wind, withdrew, for the time being, the executive's propsal to the members for the granting of five votes each, spectively, to the international federations and National Olympic Committees in the election of host cities. He will now write to every member, and to the federations, explaining the reasons behind the proposal before seeking final approval.

Samaranch, sensing per-

haps some difficulties blowing

However, although the combined United Nations/ Spanish government/Yugo-slav NOC/IOC acceptance of individual competitors from the disbanded eastern European country is to be welcomed, the IOC may have set a difficult precedent for the future in dealing with external organisations over which it

Bosnia wins recognition

BOSNIAN athletes will march under their own colours at the Olympic Games, while Serbians will be barred from the opening ceremony. Pal Schmitt, a senior mem

ber of the International Olympic Committee's executive board, said war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina would be granted emergency Olympic recognition. Serbia and Montenegro, the two remaining Yugoslav republics, agreed to conditions set by a United Nations sanctions committee.

Yugoslav athletes will be barred from all team events, and 86 Yugosiav athletes will compete as an "independent Team" under the five-ringed

Brownsdon finds the thrill fails to fade

FROM CRAIG LORD IN BARCELONA

ONE of the many men in blazers at one of the many precompetition receptions turned to Suki Brownsdon yesterday, grinned and said: "I knew you when you were a swimmer." She did not have the heart to tell him that she was four days away from becoming the first British swimmer to compete at four Olympics. "At least he knew who I was,"

Brownsdon, who is one of

many who hope to prove in Barcelona that swimming is no longer exclusively the domain of teenagers, said.

The profile of Britain's smallest Olympic swimming team makes the point. After Brownsdon, there are six swimmers at their third Olympics, six at their second and 17 novices. With such a wealth of experience comes a new-found professionalism and calmer single-mindedness.

However, Brownsdon says the excitement of the occasion

is not lost with age. "The facilities just seem to get better and better. It's tremendous." It is easy to understand the

enthusiasm shared by an injury-free, confident British team. The main, open-air. Bernat Picornell pool, where racing starts at 10am on Sunday, reflects the blue of a sunny Spanish sky. This 50-metre stretch of Olympic water is tightly enclosed by more than 11,000 seats, creating a su-perb atmosphere. "It's bril-iant," said Sharron Davies,

who, at 29, returns to the summit of her sport 12 years after winning a silver medal at Moscow.

Adrian Moorhouse and Nick Gillingham faced questions from the British press: yes, they were confident, and no, they saw no reason why they should be compared to Coe and Ovett. 'There was underlying tension with them," Moorhouse said. "With us, there's not. We will line up stronger for having

SPORT BY SPORT GUIDE TO BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC PROSPECTS. DAY FIXE

Professionals who appreciate wider stage



spirit has caught the imagination of the tennis world rather more strongly

than it did four years ago in Seoul. A gold medal would be a priceless addition to the collections of such as Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg. who have everything that money can buy.

More important, perhaps, Barcelona gives the players a chance to emerge from their own hothouse, to compete for nothing but the honour of their country. Some say that highly paid tennis professionals come closer than most these days to embodying the spirit of Baron de Coubertin. After all, none of the leading

contenders for the four gold medals on offer - men and women, singles and doubles -need the fat contracts that victory can bring. Andre Agassi, the Wimble-

don champion, is the one notable absentee from a strong men's field. Presumably, the American considers

Jim Courier. Emilio Sánchez, Sergi Bruguera and Jordi Arrese will be defending home honour in the newly built site at Vall d'Hebron. Sadly, the gifted Miloslav Mecir will be

himself a grass-court specialist

and is happy to leave the clay-

court spoils to the world No. 1,

BRITISH TENNIS SQUAD

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prevented from defending his Olympic title because of a

persistent back injury.
With three of the leading five women — Monica Seles, Gabriela Sabatini and Martina Navratilova - not available for selection, Steffi Graf has an obvious chance to defend the title she won in Seoul, though Arantxa Sánchez Vicario has been prepar-ing all year to win gold in her home town.

Six British players will com-pete: Sara Gomer and Monique Javer in the women's singles, Clare Wood and Samantha Smith in the doubles, with Andrew Castle and Chris Wilkinson getting into the main draw as lucky losers.

ANDREW LONGMORE

Thomas and May chase top-eight placings



BRITAIN has not won an Olympic medal

in gymnastics since 1928. Although this is unlikely to change in Barcelona. Neil Thomas and James May could reach the last eight of the apparatus finals and should place higher in the combined exercises than any other British male gymnast since the

John Atkinson, the technical director of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, said the men were aiming to finish tenth in the team event, where the Unified Team should dominate, get three competitors in the combined exercises final and, finally, achieve a last-eight placing in the apparatus events. Thomas placed sixth in the floor exercises at the 1991 world championships and May has reached the vault finals at the last two European championships.

Britain will also benefit from the new judging system, with independent officials marking the different apparatus events. This should end some of the controversies and

anomalies that have occurred in the past.

The Unified Team should again provide the overall men's winner, probably either Igor Korobchinski or Vitaly Scherbo, who claimed the top two placings at the European championships. Among the women, where

Britain have not qualified for the team event, there should be a stern battle between the Unified Team, the United States, Romania and China. The world champion is Kim

Zmeskal, an American and the latest product of Bela Karolyi, who numured Nadia Comaneci, the 1976 Olympic champion from Romania, and, after his defection to the West, coached Mary Lou Retton, who won the gold medal at the Los Angeles Games in 1984.

Silver Wisp's trainer eyes unique double

and Ireland. He kept on galloping and went all the way to the line." rived from a hard-A well-backed third far the sport at its highest level inspires Geoff Lewis as Silver ite, Silver Wisp's credentials have been established by fin-

ishing fourth in the 2,000 Guineas and by having been beaten only a short head by St Jovite when the pair were second and third behind Dr "It's the most difficult race of the year to win." says the Devious in the Derby. Unfortunately, a below-par blood count prevented Silver Wisp from renewing the rival-

ry at the Curragh. But a recent Chepstow victory showed the colt to be back on target. "He's been improving all the time," said Lewis. "But now he's got to show that he's progressed to the same extent es St Jovite.

Yesterday the Epsom hope had his final pipe-opener. "Silver Wisp is looking great," says the trainer. "And he's going away from his horses much easier. He's telling us that he's well and he's got a good look in his eye."

Although the record books show a fairly equal division of the spoils between the generations in the King George's 40year history, it is still axiomatic that a top classic three-year-old mountly beats

This background of excel-lence dictates that stern criteria should be used when assessing a candidate's chances. And, judged by these standards. St Jovite's record-breaking 12-length defeat of Dr Devious at the Curragh has stamped the Irish Derby winner as the only runner with impeccable credentials.

Wisp's trainer discusses to

morrow's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond

55-year-old former jockey.

"it's even tougher than the Derby. In the Arc, horses are

in July there should be no

excuses. Every animal is at its'

peak. The three-year-olds as

well as the older horses, are at

A list of the last six winners

of Britain's most important

all-aged race proves the train-

er's point. In chronological

order the names of Dancing Mtoto, Nashwan, Belmez and

Generous make an illustrious

In 1971, Lewis was on

board Mill Reef as one of the

all-time greats thrilled the

Ascot crowd by powering home six lengths clear of

turned for home, gave him a kick in the belly and he was

gone. It was some perform-

"It was unbelievable. I

roll of honour.

imes over the top. But

However, as this has been the Jim Bolger-trained colt's only performance of this stature, considerable market opposition to the favourite has developed.

Lewis will have none of this faint-heartedness. "St Jovite has shown conclusively that he improved between Epsom

the older horses. For this reason, Lewis discards the heavily-backed and strong fancied four-year-old, Sad dlers' Hall, unbeaten in four taces this season. "Michael Stoute will have left some thing to have worked on at Newmarket. But he wasn't in the very top flight as a three-year old, so why should be be good enough now!"

The trainer admits to a sneaking fancy for Geoffrey Wragg's three year-old, Jenne. "He should have won at Ascot. Geoff says he'll be in the money and he's not a man prone to making

ewis's principal caveat concerns the ground, which the heavy rain earlier this week has turned to good to soft. "I'd like it to dry up a bit. None of the three year olds would like it too testing and those conditions would favour the older horses. chiding Saddlers' Hall."

Tomorrow, the moment of truth will arrive as muscles and limbs start to be stretched on the long hant home from Swinley Bottom. "If we can keep in touch to the straight I'll be happy. Then It'll be a stion of whether we can find the kick. I think a threeyear-old will win it and I can only hope it's Silver Wisp."

Liked and respected even in racing the former pageboy's 12 years' experience as a aware that victory would give him his best chance yet of scaling the heights of his flercely competitive

"We all need the one big win it, a few more doors would open. After all, I'd be the only man to have ridden and trained a winner of the

Carson rides Saddlers' Hal

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, JULIAN WILLIE Carson will partner Wisp, 12-1 Jenne, 14-1 Seem with The has got some Saddlers Hall on the New House and Sapience, 16-1 ability but I was beginning to market gallops this morning Rock Hopper, 25-1 Termion. Gespair about ever winning

in preparation for the King George VI and Queen Eliza-beth Diamond Stakes at Ascot Michael Stoute finally con-

firmed the big-race riding plan for his Coronation Cup winner and added: "St Jovite is obviously the one we have to best. Even if Dr Devious did not run up to his form in Ireland it was still a tremendous performance. I am very pleased with Suddlers' Hall's preparation."

Carson, who will be riding Saddlers' Hall for the first time, will be seeking his fifth King George victory. Ironically, two of those successes — Troy and Ela-Mana-Mou were achieved for the Weinstocks, who earlier this week sold a share of Saddlers'

Hall to Cheveley Park Stud. The booking of Carson helped clear up some of the uncertainty which has surrounded the race all week, but did little to kindle the enthusiasm of the racing public. Such is the antipathy, Cor-

als did not lay a single bet of note on the big race yesterday. "There has not been any real interest all week," a spokes-woman said. The Barking firm bet: 11-10 St Jovite, 9-4 Saddlers' Hall, 7-1 Silver

A King George without the winner of the Derby, the Oaks or any household star has reduced the appeal of the summer's top middle distance race to a minimum. If Lester Piggott manages to secure the spare ride on St Jovine — and that appeared a distinct possibility last night - he might provide the boost the group one contest desperately needs.

Looking shead to Goodwood, John Duniop is Goodwood, John Dunlop is considering running his improving stayer. Rain Rider, in the Goodwood Cup. He won the race in 1987 and 1990 with Sergeyevich and Lucky Moon, both three-year-olds. He's a nice horse, although it tough five-year-old displayed his versatility by compared his particular in the final 50 wants of the Brighton Summer run. Dunlop said. The Annon said. The handingle compared in the Fits.

finished unplaced in the Fitzherbert Handicap.
Scenic Dancer, who has his

own ideas about racing, decid-ed vesterday he would oblige and came from last to first inside the final half-mile to snatch victory from Rocquaine

Tony Hide trainer of the moody wither, admitted after-

despute about ever winning another race with him.

"I have been threatening to geld, him but the owner doesn't want that. This kind of coarsé suits him, but I would not like to tell you when he will

"He has been dropped in the handicap but he looks after himself. Like most Shareef Dancers, he's a bit of a

By contrast, Cheveux Mitchell nearly always runs his heart

winning at Lingfield and it has taken him four or five runs to get back down the handicap again. He could run again at Ascot on Saturday or go for the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood.

"He's a good handicapper. In a yard like ours you need some like him. Every year he

Roche defeated in High Court

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

CHRISTY Roche, the sixtimes champion Irish jockey, yesterday suffered a crushing alleged the stewards of the Turi Club had been in breach of natural justice.

Mr Keily had stressed that, whereas the stewards at Naas defeat in the High Court here and seems certain to miss the ride on big-race favourite St Jovite at Ascot tomorrow. A replacement has not yet been

booked. the original 15-day suspen-Roche's application to the High Court for an extension of sion had centred on an allegathe injunction restraining the tion that Roche had struck another rider, Robert Skelly, with his whip, in hearing the Irish Turf Club from imposing the remainder of a 15-day suspension on him appeal the Turf Club had widened the scope to take in

The ban, which has 12 days to run, will begin immediately unless Roche decides to take his case to the Supreme Court, a move that would now seem unlikely to succeed.

Roche, bitterly disappointed at the outcome, declined to comment at his home in Kildare. Asked if he would take the matter any further, he responded, "I don't know."

Reserved judgement was delivered yesterday morning by the acting president of the High Court, Mr Justice Decian Costello, in which he came down heavily on the side of the Turi Club.

heen warned off ever the alleged doping of Boston Born at Lizachi in the spring of 1947, had subsequently sued the Duke of Noriolk, Lord Willoughby de Broke and

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counsel and Mr Peter Kelly the Lord Chief Justice Lord had had said the only three grounds in which he question which he asked the question which he asked the justy to consider was "was the enquiry before the stewards

conducted fairly?"

Domestic mbunals like the Jockey Club were not bound racecourse who had imposed by procedure such as governed the courts of law, he said, but in holding an enquiry into the act fairly and give the person to be brought before them their notice of the charge of complaint against him and an other happenings during the

opportunity to defend himself.

Mr. Costello said that, hav-In rebuttal, Mr Justice Cos-tello said that Roche had been ing read the full transcript of the appeal he was quite satisfied that it was a fair and advised four days before the

hearing of the appeal that the stewards proposed acting under the Rules of Racing and proper enquiry,
This was a remarkable success for the Turf Club whose decided to take this course.

Justice made much play of a celebrated English case in which days Russell, who had lawyers were doubtful whether they would be successful and had feared that defeat would damage irreparably their authority.

in a significant remark at the closing of his judgement. Mr Justice Costello said, that "Mr Roche had not shown any real prospect of succeeding in any hinther action he

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Occupation: gyrmastics coach. Homours:
Commonwealth team saver, 1990. JAMES MAY Born: January 30, 1968. Seaton, Devon, Ht. 51 9m. Wt. 12s. 2b. Occupation, RAF officer. Horiours: Commonwealth gold, silver two bronzes, ream silver, 1990.

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Occupation: sludent Honours: British overall, asymmetric bars and floor exercise champion, 1990 ROWENA ROBERTS; Born: May 14, 1977. Kingston, Ht. 4ft 11in. Wit. 6st 6b Occupation: student. Honours: British overall champion, 1982.

JOHN GOODBODY He pointed out that Roche's

Lord Rosebery. In his summing up then,

may take in this matter.

Hebert in New York.

been entered.

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The American-owned Star

Of Cozzene, now in France

with Francois Boutin, has also

Manton trainer Peter

Chapple-Hyam expects to be

double-handed in the

Schweppes Golden Mile at

Goodwood on Thursday with

Ecliptic and King Olaf.

Fourstars Allstar on course for Ascot

His New York-based train-er. Leo O'Brien, has con-

firmed that his colt will travel

to Ascot provided he has an

uninterrupted programme.

His next race is a nine-furlong

grade two handicap at Sarato-

The other American entries

are Leger Cat, a six-year-old

with Richard Mandella in

California, and Scott The

ga on August 12.

FOURSTARS Allstar, the American-trained winner of

last year's Irish 2,000 Guin-

eas, could return to Europe for

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made history when becoming

the first US-based horse to win

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5.45 Cherhill. 7.15 Laurel Queen. 7.45 Bellad Dancer. 8.15 Rose Gem. 8.45 Speedy Sloux. 9.15

6.45 AYRSHIRE LEADER MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,467: 61) (6 runners)

11-8 Cauté Queen, 9-4 Claudia Miss. 7-2 Princess Missine, 8-1 Suprema Court, 20-1 Intention, 25-1 Claus Solies.

7-4 Palm Chat, 9-4 Cherhell, 3-1 First Sfloo, 7-1 Apache Squaw, 12-1 Russig

7.15 AYRSHIRE POST CHATLINE CLAIMING STAKES (£1,523: 1m) (6)

DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6-4 Lant Embrace, 5-2 lots, 4-1 Secret Treaty, Soul Trader, 5-1 Jede Milleress.

2-1 Blue Radience, 5-2 Trentesimo; 4-1 Haumising, 5-1 Cloudy Real, Tropical To.

6.45 PORTER'S LODGE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,259: 51) (5 nuners)

7.10 MILL DAM MEDIAN AUCTION

MAIDEN STAKES (£2,280: 1m 2l 6yd) (5)

7.35 TETLEY BITTER HANDICAP

(£3,590: 1m 2f 6yd) (5)

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THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD

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DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD

DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,538° 61 206yd) (3 runners)

tries for the group one race.

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

at Ascot on September 26. The four-year-old, who

TRANERS: M Mouteret, 4 wenners from 12 nevers, 33.35, M Studie, 6 from 20, 30.05, Lord Huntengdon, 3 from 10, 30.05, M Prescott, 4 from 18, 22.25; B Hills, 6 from 28, 21.4%; M Johnston, 6 from 36, 16.75 JOCKEYS, A Garth, 4 winners from 12 hides, 23.3%, S Dawson, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Paul Eddary, 8 from 47, 17.0%, M Roberts, 11 from 65, 16 9%, G Carter, 13 from 98, 13.3%, M Bach, 14 from 133, 10.5%.

11-8 Rose Gern. 13-8 Straw Thutch, 5-2 Soby Guest.

8.45 WEST SOUND RADIO LADYKILLER SELLING STAKES (£1,516. 1m 21) (8)

9.15 CARRICK GAZETTE HANDICAP

5-2 Tatested Ting. 4-1 Great Long. Sword Master, 5-1 Marounia. 6-1 8-1 McLimplu, 12-1 See Americ, 20-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 8 witners from 15 numers, 53.3% (Curran), 4 from 9, 44.4%, Mrs J Remisden, 18 from 61 (29.5%, A Bulley, 7 from 43, 16.3%; A Sufringer, 3 from 19, 15.6%, Jummy Flagerial, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: Dean Mckeown, 22 witners from 151 rules, 14.6%, k Darley, 22 from 156, 14.7%, S Whateach, 6 from 43, 14.0%; J Forture, 5 from 40, 12.5%, J Carroll, 16 from 138, 11.6%, N Kennedy 4 from 43, 9.3%.

Florida, host to this year's Breeders Cup. has closed its borders to New England horses that might be carrying a highly contagious virus. The emergency measure was taken to protect against equine viral arteritis.

Mashaallah faces stiff task

France today to contest the £41,110 Prix Maurice de Nieuil (1m 4f) at Maisons-

who has to concede between

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Kansk to stage repeat for Gosden

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> The Newmarket trainer could have run Shaikh Mohammed's recent winner of the Northumberland Plate again there today but, with the ground likely to ride on the ground likely to ride on the softer side of good, he has decided to rely instead on the same owner's Kansk, who will be added to the same owner's Kansk and the same owner's Kansk an

be ridden by Steve Cauthen. The same combination looked in scintillating form at Newmarket earlier this month when they took the Reg Day Memorial Trophy in their stride. Now they are napped to give a repeat performance in the day's most valuable race.

After Kansk had run such a good race in the Bessborough Handicap over one and a half

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

straight to finish fourth, he seemed likely to do even better when stepped up in distance. And so it proved at Newmarket where his first attempt at two miles proved a resounding

In the meantime, both the nunner-up, Mull House, and the fourth, Magic Secret, have drawn attention to the reliability of that form by winning next time out. I expect Kansk to take a leaf out of their book, especially as Magic Secret appears held on today's terms. The same applies to Gay Glint, who finished last at

Newmarket. Earlier at the royal meeting, since and, with Requested doing less well than the other two, he is now marginally better off at the weights than

Cabochon's narrow defeat at Newcastle, where Requested was only eighth, was followed by a length defeat at Beverley at the hands of My Desire. On 3lb better terms, Cabochon should take his revenge on My Desire this

The combination of soft ground and a switch back to two miles brought out the best in Brandon Prince at Sandown last time when he beat Majestic Image by two lengths. However, with that good apprentice, David Harrison, now claiming 5lb on the latter, the placings could well be reversed this time, especial-

While Jungle Dancer, Star Player and Aude La Belle have all shown that they are quite canable of winning a race of this nature at their best, Kansk



Gosden: relies on Kansk in Brown Jack Stakes

1981: WITHESS BOX 4-9-2 S Couten (13-8 tex) J Gostien 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

Final Shot, who is not very big but who loves a bit of give in the ground, will relish the conditions she encounters in the Palan Handican, where she will be carrying only 7st 8lb. She served notice of better things to come when second at

Ripon last Saturday.

Thawakib, John Dunlop's runner in the Virginia Waters Stakes, has already been backed to win next year's 1,000 Guineas.

She will have to be on her guard against Dancing Bloom, whose stable companion Blush Rambler is taken to win the EBF Sandwich Stakes following that promising initial run at Salisbury where he finished seven lengths ahead of the remainder when going down by two lengths to Woodchar

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton

Going: good to firm 2.00 (Im. 31 95yd) 1, Diamond Cut (E. Husbard, avers fav. 2, Super Sarena (5-2), 3, Marigned (13-2) B ran St. 101 M Pace Toare (2-2) E1 10, E1 70, E2 10 OF E3 10 CSF, E3 92 2.30 (#2.392) 1. Certain Lady (D Harmson, 6-1) 2. Cornston Lake (11-2), 3. Red Sombreto (16-1) Rock Song 11-4 lav 12 ran 11 11/4. G Blum Tore 27:10 Et 90, 62 20, E3 50 OF E3 10 CSF E36 60 Shocking Times (12-1) withdrawn, nais 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound 3.00 (#1.20)yo.) 1. Chewters Mitchell (T Quinn, 5-2 g-lav, Thunderen's nap), 2. Nottoblev (5-2 g-lav), 3. Helios (5-1), 6 ran Hd, hd M Channon Tote E3 90, E3 00, E3 50 OF E3 70, CSF, 23 99

22 of DF 13 77. CSF. 23 39 3.30 (Im II 209yd) 1. Scenic Denoer (V Newnes, 10-1); 2. Rocquarie Bay (14-1); 3. Tiger Claw 9-2) Long Furlong 3 lav 11 ran Ni. 25t 14 filed Tote 12 90, 52 40, 53 30, 51 70 DF 5182.70 CSF 6135 64 Troast 6563 79 After a stewards' enquery, result stood

Dr. Earl 90 Can Rade (1) 4.30 [59 213yd) 1, Shikan's Bon (1) Qunn. 5-2 (sw. Mandarin's nap), 2, Dwne Pet (7-21; 3, My Ruby Ring (10-1), 12 nam 14, 21 Whise, Tote 53 30; 67, 50, 62 10, 61 40 DF 68 30 CSF 612.43 Tricasi (74 35 Placenoric Publish Placepot: £390.80.

Yarmouth Going: good to firm 2.20 (6) Syd) 1, Luna Bld (R Coohrane, 8-1), 2.5 Farmer Jock (7-1); 3. Cost Of Dreams, (30-1) A Lettle Precous 5-1 law 13 ran, NR Sunley Spanide, 196, 11 M Blanshard, Tote 612 50, 62-50, 62-60, 63-60 DF 643 60 CSF 590-31, Torans; CMSF 42. 2.50 Law 26-11, Chemostope (M Hills, 7-CSF 030.31. Thomas: CMS 42
2.50 (1m 3yd) 1, Chempenoise (M Hills, 7-1): 2, Kathy Far (25-1): 3, Mrss Mingents (7-2 lav); 4, Broughton's Tango (13-2): 19 ran. NR. Chicas Diamond WI, bit, M Bell Tota Exact: 51 90, 55 19, 51.50, 52.00 DF 6246,70 CSF 5168 02 Thoast 5268 18
3.20 (71 3yd) 1, Information (S Cauthen, 4-7 lav. Our Newmarks) Correspondent's nap; 2, Russia Pobeda (15-1): 3, Ketho Damasure (26-1), 6 ran 11, 284. If Control Total 150, 51 10, 53 50 DF, 58.50 CSF, 57.46.
3.50 (7) 3yd) 1, Amadems, Ann (9 Controls 11, 10); 3, Ketho Cauthen, 4-10 (19 and 19 and 19

E7.46. 3.80 (7) 3xd) 1, Amadeus Aes (R Cochrene, 11-1); 2, Turrel Gales (10-1); 3, Renender (6-4 lay) 9 ran St, hd D Morra, Tote: £10.80; £1.10. £2.80, £7.40. DF £28.80. CSF £102.35 E102 35 4.20 (1m 31 101yd) 1, Mystery Lad (M Roberts, 4-1); 2, Abis Lesses (8-13 lav); 3, Kate Royate (20-1) 6 1sn, 71, 1vi N Callaghan, Tole. E4 60: £1.40, £1.30 DF £3 10. £35; £6.600. Lo 10. Loco, 20.MA.
4.80 (Im 81 17yd) 1, Prince Sobur (R.
Cocivarie, 7-4 fevi; 2, Native Magic [12-1).
3, Carnolis Marc (9-2) 6 ren. 294, 71 M.
Barsstard, Tote: 53.00; 52.00, 52.60 DF:
69 10. CSF- 516 62

Placepot: £47.80. Hamilton Park

Going: firm 2.10 (5/4yd) 1, Bold County (F P Blott, 5-1); 2, Wolf Power (1-4 lay); 3, Tayish (6-1); 3 rat, 44, 2%, M Johnston, Tote: £2.80; DF. £1.20, CSF: £6.75 C1.20. CSF: £6.75
2.40 (61 Syd) 1, Palacegase Prince (J. Carroll, 6-15 lav), 2, Atsantic Sunset (11-9), 3, Anne's Bay (33-1) 3 ren. St. Bi J Berry. Tote. £1.50. £5.20 CSF £1.89.
2.10 (61 Syd) 1, High Principles (J. Carroll, 9-4 p-lav); 2, Our John (3-4 p-lav); 3, Miss. Sham (6-1) Miss. Move World 9-4 p-lav, 4 ren. 11, 11/H J Berry. Tote: £3.40 DF: £2.50 CSF £5.81.

SF 55.61.
3.40 (1m 55yd) 1. Sold Melody (K Darley, 9-4 n-tan) 2. Bunham Express (9-2), 3. Herzel (15-2). Nors Princess 9-4 n-tan 7 ren. NR Shut Up, Persian Reco. 5, 1 Nr Phasiam Tote. (2-20); 61.80, (2-20) DF. 28-50 CSF 511.86.
4.10 (1m 31 16yd) 1. Princess Rosenne (A Mackey, 5-1); 2. Great Max. (4-5 lay), 3. Invisible Armour (10-1) 4 nen. Wi. 3. A Saley, Tote. 29 00, DF 53.80 CSF 510 12 4.40 (1m 51 9yd) 1. Briggsmaid (M Tebburt, 9-4), 2. Shadideen (13-8 tay), 3. Caro'is, Pet (3-1), 4 nen. 14., 3% J Eustaca, Tote. 52-80 DF, 53.30. CSF 55.4
Placepot: not won (pool of \$1,532.30

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good igood to soil in pisces)
6.20 (51 6ydh 1, Walk in The Park (4, Tucker, 11-10 fav); 2, Another Epsode (11-4), 3, Spell Of The Yukon (6-1) 5 ran 32, 61 R Simpson Tote* 22.10: 61 10, 61,70, DF, 62.70, CSF 62 428
6.50 (1m 14yd) 1, Cap Camerat (D Biggs, 15-2), 2, Emaste (12-1); 3, Magnetic Point (9-2) Systematic 3-1 fav 12 ran, 3 kl, sh hd, Cole Trote 28,80; 52 30, 64 50, 61 80, DF 627 50 CSF, 637 82 Tricast (3417 95 7.20 (1m 6) 1, Intricacy (M Roberts, 8-1) 2. DE 271 50 CSF, B87.82 Tricass 2417 95
7.20 (1m 8) 1, Intricacy (M. Roberts, 8-1) 2, Scart Cf Badle (9-1) 3, Newton Point (4-1) and 11 car 254, 144 C C Essy Tote 29.50; £2 40, £3 80, £2 10 DF, £58.00 Trio £224.30, CSF £75.27 Tricass: £307 89
7.50 (7f 16)(0) 1, Dréam Camier (Pat Eddery, 4-4) (F-4) 2, Across The Bay (9-1), 3, Euro Festival (9-4) (F-4) 7 ran 354, M. R. Harnon, Tote, £2.50 £1 70, £3.20, DF, £10.70 CSF £19.70
8.20 (7f 16)(0) 1, Mushamedov (Pat Eddery, 7-2), 2, Intricas (8-6 fair), 3, Anaham (12-1) 10 ran 144, 44 H Csot Tote £4.60, £1.20, £2.10 DF, £3.70, CSF £8 10
8.50 (1m 27 7)(d) 1, Gong (Pat Eddery, 9-1), 2, Goodnitsout (4-11, 3, Bushang Storm (8-13 fair) 6 ran 254, M. P. Wahyin, Tote £4.0, £2.30, £1.70 DF, £10.40 CSF £40.90
Placspot £124.10.

Placapot: £124.10. Redcar Going: good to firm B.30 (7) 1 Anctic Guess (Dean McKeown. 12-1), 2, Merry Mermaid (4-1); 3, Hs Nod (4-9 lay) 6 ran. 141, 2. M Johnson. Tol-Ch6.50; 6-130, 12:00 DF 648.10. CSF-554.82 After a stewards' enqury, result stood.
7.00 (fm 1f) 1, Doctor's Remady (Km McDonnell, 14-1) 2, Redishern (5-2), 3, Jazleh (11-8 fau), 5 ran 44i, 11 Mrs J Jordan, Tote, C11.00; C2.60, C1.20 DF 59.70 CSF, C44 16.
7.30 (2m 4yd) 1, Brockure Grey (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Saxy Mover (11-4 fav); 3, Resy Boy (9-1) 6 ran 33-i, nk. Mrs G Renskly Tote; C3.20; 21.50, C1.80 DF 54.50 CSF, Ct.0 77
8.00 (6h 1, Densben (K Faitin, 4-8 fav); 2

8.00 (8) 1, Densber (K Faton, 4-8 fav); 2. Det (15-2); 3, Profile (3-1), 4 fan 1 1/4, 3 Denys Smith, Total £1.50 DF £3.80 CSF; £5.45 Denys Street. New Dette (W Ryen, 4-8 tay), 2, Cechou (13-8), 3, Tather (12-1) 5 ran, Ne, 15th Ocach Totas: 21.70, \$1.10, £1.10 DF £1.40, CSF. \$2.04, 9.00 [5h], Rheet's Choice U Fanning 15-8 fay); 2, Heart Broken (8-1); 3, The Bethaman (9-4) 8 ran 11, %1. J Beny Tota £2.90; £1.10, £2.10, £1.10 DF £1.30 After a stawards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £77,70.

7.45 HOURSTONS LADIES NIGHT HANDICAP (\$1,891 71) (7) T 0-20 SPANISH GRANDEE 51 (C.6) P Chappie-Hyam 4-8-12

2 5211 GOLDEN CHIP 4 (C.G.) A Stringer 4-9-5 (Sec.) S Mishmorth 7 3 2111 SPANSH VERDIC 7 (F) Danys Smith 5-9-5 (Sec.) K Fellon 3 4 -030 CRESELLY 42 (CO.F.S.) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-9 5 5055 VERDANT BOY 7 (D.F.G.S.) M Marginon 9-8-2 Judi Houston 5 6 5544 BALLAD DANCEN 7 (D.G.S) E Alsian 7-8-2 P Robinson 1 7 0301 PICALES 8 (CD.G.) P Hesiam 4-7-13 (Seq.) J Ferming (3) 2 2-1 Bolden Chap, 5-2 Stanish Verdict, 100-30 Pickles, 11-2 Spanish Grantee, 7-1 Belled Dance, 10-1 Verdant Boy, 14-1 Cressly

Laffitte.

John Reid partners the John Gosden-trained four-year-old. 7lb and 18lb to his seven opponents in the group two contest

MASHAALLAH, winner of The principal danger may the group one Gran Premio di be the Spanish-owned Vert Milano in Italy, travels to Amande, who was runner-up to Dear Doctor in the group two Prix Jean de Chaudenay over course and distance in

Athijaz, trained by John Dunlop, is the only English challenger for the group three Prix Daphnis at Evry tomorrow. Lester Piggott takes the mount.





2.00 CRANBOURNE CHASE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £10,052: 1m 2f) (7 numers) (7) 63 BLESSNETON 16 (V) (Shuito Mohammed) J Gordon 9-0.
(4) 43- FAST MANOUVRE 231 (Gordo Fretale) M Mouback 9-0.
(5) 0294 HERARCH 34 (The Outer) Lord Humilegion 9-0.
(7) LEDWARDO (L Terrorb) P Hedger 9-0.
(8) 0-05208 LOBULO 34 (Downper Lady Bravedpools) C British 9-0.
(8) 37 TREPORUM 49 (February Stud Limited) C Carranti 9-0. BETTINE: 5-2 Triancium. 3-1 Bessington, 5-1 Past Menoquera, 11-2 Lobillo, 7-1 Kessayo, 8-1 Hererch, 33-1 Learnerch 1991: RADICAL CHIC 8-9 L'Deteri (11-Q L Cerned 6 per FORM FOCUS BLESGRIGTON 5'41 3rd of 11 to United Kingdom of Newtonian 1 Newtonian 1 (1 m 21, cooff majdon. FAST blank 1 m 21, cooff majdon. FAST blank 1 m 22 to that Paraut in Newtonian 1 (1 m, good to farm) majdon to October. Newtonian 1 (1 m, good to farm) majdon to October. NASNAYO 3442 2nd of 11 to Dande Soute in 10 feature 1 (1 m 21 120 pt). Selfstuny (7 m, good) majdon to October. LEONAR-1 (1 m 21 120 pt). Selfstuny (7 m, good) majdon to October. LEONAR-1 (1 m 21 120 pt).

2.30 PALAN HANDICAP (210,598: 60 (12 runners)

BETTING: 4-1 Manufac, 5-1 St. Df. A. Lack, Phile Fact, 7-1 Sir Boodin, 8-1 Shibycon, 10-1 Burds Wooder, Final, Shot, 14-1 Polance, 18-1 Lady Sato, 20-1 Rusning Gillegan, 25-1 Option. 1991: STACK ROCK 4-5-1 K Puller (5-1) E Alaton 17 mm

FORM FOCUS

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3.00 VIRGINIA WATER MAIDEN STAKES L Detiori R Cochane W Carson BETTING: 11-8 Theredills, 4-1 Magic Street, 12-2 Dancing Bloom, 6-1 Distribus, 6-1 Lys., 14-1 Matanic, 20-1 City 1991: SUN AND SHADE 8-11 PM Edday (9-4) H Cash & net

FORM FOCUS

MANDARIN

CTTY TIMES (finaled Jan 3, cost 47,000grs) half-sister by Lest Tycoon to smart for 29-1nt 41 whener DANCONES BLOOM (Mar 4) half-sister by Sadher's Wells to a 3-1-rm without in France and of a fin wrending half-sister in Son Princess. DITTESHAM (Mar 17) half-sister by Sir lear to sprint writer? Dare Ma. LYS (Mar 3), (R45,000grs) half-sister by Dart Forget Mar to 71-1m 21 whites

KANSK beat Moli House 1141 in 9-numer Memoralet (2m, good) handisco with MASIC SECRET (4th
better oft) 4 4th and SAV SLRIT 1541 9th
SAY SLRIT beat Processures of 14 in 13-numer
Sandown (1m 6t, good in ferm) herdiscap on penualinnale start.

JUNESE DANCER beat MASIC Separate seek in
8-numer Sandown (1m 6t, good) barnicles, BRAMDON PRINCE beat MASIC TO PRINCE (4th better
oft) 21 is 9-numer Sandown (2m 78yd, soil) handiSolection; MALESTIC MASIC 4.05 EBF SANDWICH MAIDEN STAKES 2 BLISH RAMBLER 13 (Steatin Mohammond) M Strute 9-0 S Cauthen 98 2 DARRELLEF 20 (S ERIS Luft R Hasson 9-0 Mis Roberts 20 4 SALATIN 72 (Harden A Makatoung) P Wilderyo 9-0 W Carroon 94 VISTO SI STAMPI (S Italia) J Dastop 9-0 7 Cauth BETTANS: 18-11 Block Rembler, 5-2 Descrift, 4-1 Salatin, 8-1 Visio S. Samps. 1891: TORREY CARYON 9-0 Pol Eddery (7-2) R Charlen & ma FORM FOCUS INLIGHT RAMPHER 25 that of 14 to Woodman in Saldshery (77, good to 500) states race. VISTO SI STAMP (12 and of 8 to Specifish Plant in Sandown (77, soft) a mare placed over in 21. Dam is a setter to top maken.

EALATIN 941 4th of 8 to Power Of Polity in York (SI.

Salection: SALATIN 4.35 CHESTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,406: 1m md) (10 runners) FORM FOCUS 5.10 BALMORAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £6,790: 6f) (5 runners) FORM FOCUS

Long hacelburg: Alexand: Pete 7-4.
BETTHRD: 3-1 Canades's Rassom, 4-1 Two Left Feet, 9-2 Piquant, 6-1 Pay Homage, 8-1 Satustage, Alexano, 12-1
Sinta Dimorr. 18-1 Rose Egypnos, 28-1 others.
1801: SELF EXPRESSION 3-9-5 S (*Sommen (5-1) / Sateling 7 ran BBC1 ZUNO WARRIOR heel Nominator shind in 4-namer
Chester (B), good to soit) graduation race.

ANSSILMAN beel Princely Favor at in 14-namer
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SNI 4ds of 11 to Camenia in Window (8), good)
Selection: ZUNO WARRIOR (mp) COURSE SPECIALISTS

Lard Huggington J. Gundlen J. Charassi R. Hugherst M. Skoule J. Denkop 3.10 FURZEDOWN MAIDEN STAKES (\$2,532: 1m 2l 21yd) (8 runners) The state of THUNDERER 2.10 Tudor Da Samba. 2.40 By Arrangement

2.10 Tales Of Wisdom. 2.40 By Arrangement 3.10 Laughsome. 3.10 Laughsome. 3.40 Expo Mondial. 3.40 The Wend. 4.10 Black Coral. 4.10 Rock Band. 4.45 Maid Welcome. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.40 Expo Mondial. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F 3YD-1M 3YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS 2.10 STAR HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,532: 1m 3f 101yd) (8 runners) Long hardisest: Printers Edit 7-5, Assisted Antonno 7-1.

BETTING: 4-5 Tales DI Weston, 11-4 Respiratori, 4-1 Tudor Di Sardia, 10-1 Princess Edita, 12-1 Wheeler's Worder, 20-1 Lesi Orders, 25-1 Petr Cash, 33-1 Respiratori 2.40 HAZELHURST SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,301: 1m 2f 21yd) (8 nunners)

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS H Card R Basteran J Gosden Mrs N Macaulty M Prescott L Cumani

1991: JUNGLE DANCER 3-8-9 P D'Arcy (3-1) M Stoute 5 mm 3.40 CAPILTON NURSERY HANDICAP 1891, COAT OF DREAMS 8-13 5 Dawson (7-2) R Backman 4 ran 4.10 BURLINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,217: 61 3yd) (3 runners) 1901 YARREN WALLEY D-2 M STORED (5-4 to) A Second (6-5 4.45 AVENUE HANDICAP (£2,820: 5f 43yd) (6 runners) SETTING: 5-4 Ski Captaus, 2-1 Mark Welcome, 5-7 Totoming, 8-7 Lincolone Boy, 14-1 Barbard's Calle, 16-7 Cambrian Canaller. 1981: FACTURUE 4-9-7 M Roberts (13-8 lav) M Femeration-Godiny 7 ran King's Loch back at Goodwood

THE Henry Cecil trained King's Loch, who has not run since finishing sixth in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster last October, is likely to was known as the Extel. He make his reappearance in the could run both Only Royale £40,000 Leslie & Godwin and recent Newmarket win-

Spitfire Stakes at Goodwood ner Duke Of Eurolink.

Calls at 369 per min cheep train.

A Alberd. [10] Back. W Bond-Ellioff [1] Bill Greenwood, -12, +6, +16; G Noble bt A Kay, 4011; 12, Gormige, 3657 K Novaces (Cz) bill Ellioft (Holl), 6-3, 6-1. Scored in the National Match

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Lamb presented with historic century as bonus

By JACK BAILEY

NORTHAMPTON (final day of three): Northamptonshire (7pts) drew with Warwickshire

NEITHER Warwickshire nor Northamptonshire could force victory at the end of a match which, like so many between these teams at Northampton incidents that took a great deal

of understanding. Set to score 237 runs from what turned out to be 47 overs - seven more than the minimum – Warwickshire looked at one time to have the game won, thanks almost entirely to an opening partnership of 141 between Roger Twose and Andy Moles. But they could not quite sustain the effort, falling short by 31 runs.

This had been the highest opening partnership of the season for Warwickshire. When Twose left, 94 runs were needed from 18 overs and it seemed that Warwickshire had the game at their

mercy. But we had reckoned without the ability of Ambrose to contain and the potency of Capel with his ire aroused. Moles had scored 40 when Capel claimed a caught and bowled. Moles left rejuctantly, only to be recalled by the umpire. Capel looked livid. nobody else much thought it was a catch cleanly taken, and the game went on.

Moles went on to make 66. and while he was there Warwickshire remained in the hunt as he nudged the ball

around. But new bassmen were a different matter and Ambrose in the gloaming was a rare handful.

So it was that neither side, third and fourth in the championship table before this match, made much headway in the long haul to catch Essex. Truth be told, neither really deserved to. The captaincy on both sides left something to be

Northamptonshire's second innings bears little description to the serious student of the game. Donald off his short run for a few overs, Small a two-over limber-up. Neil Smith at one end with his gentle spinner, Lloyd, and Ostler from the other, paints a picture that could have been so much more entrancing if Lamb had not batted on during the second morning; if Lloyd in turn had declared

Anyhow, Lamb's century

up the declaration will not be ranked by either as the best they have made. The record books will show that Lamb made a double century and a century in the same match, a record for the Northamotonshire club. What they will not convey, although it is equally true, is that he is the only Northamptonshire batsman to have scored a double century and to have been virtually given a century in the same

For much of the time when he was batting yesterday morning and sadly during the vital settling-in period. Lamb was faced with bowling which, if not wholly of the joke variety - a regular spinner or was certainly ironic. It was as if Lloyd knew he should be joking but had forgotten the punch line.

It all led eventually to a deal, worked out while Lamb was at the crease. It would be wrong to suggest that this was on the basis of: "We'll give you the hundred if you set us a target". But in the light of all that had gone before, the cynic might

have thought so. For two days, there seemed to have been a lack of rapport between the teams and their leaders which had spilled on to the field, and all in all a draw was about right.

What happened here was no argument against the three-day game. Rather a case was made for assessing the wicket and the relative strength of the two teams well before the middle of the final



Pitch adds spice to the contest

SOME of the best, or certainly some of the most exciting. Test matches are played on pitches which fulfil very few of the requirements specified in the groundsman's manual. From what we have seen so far. this one at Headingley could fit the pattern.

The bounce is as low as you will find. At times it is almost subterranean. It is steeper in Karachi than it was at Headingley yesterday. It was steeper at Port Elizabeth in 1956-7, which is always conthere to have resembled more closely than any other a doormat left out in the rain.

But it is also irregular, and there is lateral movement, swing. This gave England's bowlers a helping hand and JOHN WOODCOCK

was a hindrance to Pakistan's batsmen. Accuracy was allimportant, so that the first six overs from the Footbull Stand end, bowled by Lewis, were more or less wasted.

On seeing the ball move about as it did, it is natural to wonder how the same bowlers would have fared when Australia were scoring 566 on the same ground, in similarly unsettled weather, the first day in 1930 the great Don Bradman scored 309 runs off his own bat; four years later he made 304 in under seven hours. The reday's play in 1930 referred to

a "pitch so covered with bare

patches that it is impossible to believe that it can last for four days". That could almost equally well apply to the present one. But the present game had yet to be invented when Bradman was playing

in 1930 the outfield would have been a lot rougher and barer than today's lush green carpet; the ball would very soon have lost its skine, rather than keeping it as it does now, with all the loving care the bowlers bestow upon it, until another new one comes along. With a full complement of spin, England averaged 23 overs an hour in none, they averaged 14. When Amir Sohali scored

205 on the first day at Old Trafford three weeks ago he scored fractionally faster, in terms of runs per over, than Bradman did on that first day at Headingley in 1930, yet in much the same time he scored 104 runs fewer. That is why over-rates matter.

is way over-races manner.

If England had had a third man yesterday Pakistan would not have scored as many as they did. Had Ramprakash not been at cover point they saight have scored more, so sure and agile was he.

agile was he. With three catains at any one a beauty, Hick is on the way to justifying his selection. This is not quite cartain yet of being a low-scoring match -- but if it is, whoever wins it, it will have the country by the ears.

Essex are unable to pursue target

By RICHARD STREETON

KIDDERMINSTER (final day of three): Worcestershire (6pts) drew with Esser (5)

STEADY drizzle set in between the innings yesterday to deprive Essex of the chance to tackle a target left them to make 335 in 54 overs and strengthen their position at the top of the Britannic Assurance championship table. Three times inside 20 minutes, the players emerged onto the field but were forced to return without a ball being bowled. After this, the rain became heavier and the match was

eventually abandoned at 40m. The discuption to what oneinally promised to be a rousing finish was maddening for both teams. Essex were committed to attempting to average a scoring rate of a shade more than 6.2 runs an over-Worzestershire were left frustrated since they might have won themselves as Essex went

for the runs. Earlier, Essex briefly threat ened to run through the Worcestershire second nings. Foster claimed the wickets of Curtis and Leatherdale in a hostile opening spell and D'Oliveira and Weston were also dismissed Worcestershire were 67 for four and Moody, suffering from influenza, and Haynes, with a leg injury, would both have struggled at the crease. Lampitt and Rhodes, however, stayed trutil hunch, when Worcestershire's overall lead had risen to 240, before Prichard and Hussain provided 92 runs in mine overs to hasten the declaration.

At the start of the Essex innings. Stephenson and Prichard were each credited with nought not out, even though not a ball was bowled. Under Law 2 |section 10), a batsman's innings is deemed to start when he steps onto the

Fourth day needed to end batting practice

BY IVO TENNANT

DERBY (final day of three): Derbyshire (4pts) drew with Middlesex (3)

THERE are times, such as resterday, when the strongest case for four-day cricket rests with combating the vagaries of the weather. Only 34 overs were possible before this match was abandoned, mercifully, shortly after tea. Umpires and cricketers alike know that it is incluctable to get the better of persistent drizzle.

When the abandonment was made. Derbyshire were 184 runs to the good with eight wickets in hand. In other words, there could have been quite a finish given a fourth day. Next season there should be fewer matches that end in this kind of batting practice.
Only two overs were bowled before lunch, so there was no likelihood of Derbyshire making sufficient runs to leave Middlesex anything on a bland pitch. Haynes took a rare wicket, as, for that matter,

did Fraser, who had Brown leg-before offering no shot. Nothing seemed more probable than that Bowler, having reached 1,500 runs for the season, would make another fifty. Instead, he dragged on a ball from Haynes of indeterminate guile.



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sidered by those who were in 1930, and 584 in 1934. On

Nicholas creates excitement

CHELTENHAM (final day of three): Gloucestershire (7pts) drew with Hampshire (2)

THERE was never any real chance of Hampshire winning yesterday, but Nicholas's declaration, a desperate attempt to breathe life into their flagging championship aspirations, at least ensured half an hour of high excitement as Gloucestershire flung their bats at everything.

A target of 103 in nine overs inevitably proved beyond Gloucestershire, in spite of some fireworks from Scott, who hit five sixes against his former county, and Wright, and an unexpected intervention from the injured Udal. who took four wickets.

The decisive events occurred earlier as Hampshire's depleted forces proved strong enough to hold on for a draw as they batted out most of the

By Peter Ball day. Apart from some suicidal running, which precipitated the significant crisis point in their innings, Courtney Waish posed the only real threat, to discomfort all the batsmen in three hostile spells, al-

though the state of the ball led to a long examination. Hampshire though able to relax when Waish was not bowling. They were given the perfect start when Gloucestershire declared at their overnight lead of 172, the ever dependable Middleton and the promising Sean Morris, who had a debut to remember, batting through the morning.

Their parmership had put on 102 in 37 overs when Middleton was caught and bowled driving. That brought Walsh back for his second spell, but with Morris batting with little apparent discomfort, Hampshire were making

solid process until Morris was beaten by Davies's splendid throw to the bowler's end from

That brought in Nicholas. bowlers often do to the sight of the Hampshire captain. Nicholas, in his eagerness to get off the mark - or to get to the other end — ignored the evidence and tried to sneak a run to Davies, who threw out Cox. Walsh immediately removed Nicholas, and Hampshire were in some trouble at 136 for five.

Ayling, who enjoyed four lives, and Marshall, put them out of it with a stand of 82 in 19 overs before Walsh returned to give Gloucestershire renewed hope.

Maru took it away from them again, resisting Walsh solidly, and the last glimmer offered by Nicholas proved ersatz at the last.

Leicestershire advance to second place in table finished bottom but one in the county championship last season when under the highprofile control of Bob Simpson, advanced to second place in this season's competition by beating Durham by

Durham, dismissed for 116 in their second innings, were again unable to cope with the fast bowling of David Millns.

ten wickets at Grace Road

yesterday (Geoffrey Wheeler

who took five for 46 and now has 61 wickets this season. David Graveney, the Durham captain, who has just recovered from a knee operation. now has a suspected broken finger after being hit by

Nottingk out loss at tea after being set 352 to beat Surrey at the Oval, scrambled home off the last ball with three wickets in hand after a remarkable final session. Before Surrey's declaration the hard-hitting Alistair Brown had made his maiden century from 79 balls. Kent's left-erm spinner, Richard Davis, bowled his

side to an 82-run victory at Canterbury with six for 75 off 31.2 overs after Mark Lathwell's 72 from 69 balls had brought a glimmer of hope for Somerset, for whom Andrew Caddick earlier completed a career-best six for 52.

Laucashire and Glamorgan saved their matches with their

Glamorgan v Yorks

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BOWLING: Water 5-2-20-1; Barwick 13-3-32-0, Croft 10-2-46-1.

GLAMORGAN: First Immige 200 for 6 dec (S P Jemes 80; BOWLING: Jemis 15-5-48-0; Harriey 17-6-27-2; Carnot 32-16-51-2; Ruckreson 12-3-29-0; Belly 14-4-30-1). Second Immige

ration, Martin Speight took advantage of some "joke" bowling to hit the season's fastest century, off 62 balls.
Rather more praiseworthy
were the efforts of the newice fast bowier, Edward Giddins. whose five for 54 destroyed Lancashice's hopes of getting

last pairs at the crease. At

Hove, before the Sussex decia-

Dale and Prost survived 24 balls to deny the Yorkshire bowlers at Cardiff.

KIDDERMINSTER (lintal day of three). Wordestershire (6) draw with Easen (5) Second innings

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ESSEX: First Innings 300 for 5 dec (M & Waugh 138, N Hussein 73 not out)

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DERBYSHMRE: First trainings 334 for 3 dec (GJ Adarrs 112 not out. J E Monts 82, T J G G Gorman 88) Second Immos. BOWLING: Fraser 11-4-13-1, Taylor 12-4 23-0; Weekes 7-2-14-0; Williams 7-5-9-0; Rosebarry 2-2-0-0; Haynes 1.4-0-4-1 MIDDLESIDE First Innings 216 for 2 dec (M A Roseberry 100 not out, D L Haynes 70) Umphas: D J Constant and P B Wight.

The professionals!

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Second Invings

Umpires: J.C. Balderstone and B.J. Meyer

Kent v Somerset CANTERBURY (final day of time) Kent (23pts) best Somerset (4) by 82 runs

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-33, 3-56, 4-109. 5-115, 5-129, 7-149, 8-160. BOWLING: Caddick 16.3-1-52-6; Flore 10-2-30-1, Trump 10-1-53-0, Lefebras 7-1-15-1, Hayhumit 3-0-5-0. Second Innings

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M Lathwell c Ward b Hooper
R J Harden c Ward b Daws
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G T J Townsend b Daws
G D Rose b Daws
HN D Burns b McCague
R P Snell c Cowdrey b McCague
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GLOUCESTERSHIPE: First Imings 339 for 8 dec (M W Alleyne 86m R C Russel 75, G D Hodgson 56 BCMLING Markful 25-11-47-1; Salder 28-7-84, Shine 26-682-1)

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Fourth Comhill Test match 11.0, 90 overs minimum HEADINGLEY: England v Pakistan Britannic Assurance county championship

BOWLING: Marshall 2,5-0-80-0; Udal 4-0-36-4; Mary 2-0-38-1 Umpies. J.W. Holder and R.C. Tolcherd. CORRECTION: Gloucestersive: first innigs. M.C.J. Bast c. Aymes b. Aylang 2, not a previously published. CARDIFF (finel day of Erros): Glan YORKSHIRE: First Innings 348 for 8 disc (RJ Blakey 125 not out, M D Mozon 108) Second Innings
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-21, 4-49, 5-70, 6-89, 7-90.

NORTHAMPTON (final day of three): Northamptonshire (7ps) draw web Warwickshira (8) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 334 for 9 dec (A J Lamb 209)

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-45, 3-209, 4-BOWLING: Denald 3-0-4-0; Small 2-0-6-0; N M K Smith 16-2-72-1; Teiges 7-2-33-1; Lloyd 3-0-18-0; Ostler 3-0-22-0; Reevis 7-0-38-0; P A Smith 5-0-20-1. WARNIFICACSHERIE: Pirat firmings 316 for dec (T.L. Permay 100 not out)

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-141, 2-146, 3-175, BOWLING, Taylor 4-0-18-0; Ambridge 13-2-38-3, Pearson 8-0-40-0, Curran 5-0-26-0, Roberts 5-0-33-0; Capel 11-0-42-2. Umpres. D R Shephert and B. Leadbeater.

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Total (9 wide) _ _ _ _ FALL OF VACKETS: 1-57, 2-74, 3-68, 4-109, 5-134, 8-196, 7-217, 8-217, 9-217. BOWLING: James 10-1-42-2, Harley 7-2-30-1, Carriok 12-2-49-0; Robinson 7-1-45-1; Belly 17-3-59-3. Umpres: 8 Dudleston and G Sharp. Surrey v Natts THE CHAL first day of three! Notingham-since (19pts) beet Surrey (4) by three sections SURREY: First Image 223 for 4 dec (P D Addres 59, M A Lynch 67 not out, D J Bicknett 67) Second larkers .

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BOWLING, Miles 7-1-52-1, Brans 14-1-49 0; Field-Buss 15-0-71-4; Pennett 8-0-45-2 NOTTHICHAUSHIPE First traings 201 for 2 dec (P Johnson 107 not out, R.T Robinson 73) Second Innings Second Interes
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PRE-SEASON MATCHER: Transme Rovers v Oldham Afhielic (7:30): Reading v Swindom Town (7:45). Aids v Sheffeld Watcham town (7:45). OTHER SPORT

Palmer prospers in conditions that are all too familiar

ARNOLD Palmer yesterday swept into contention for the British Seniors' Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes with a round of 70, one under par, which took him back 31 years. Palmer, who won his first Open in 1961 at Royal Birkdale, said: "It was very wet, very windy, very typical I thought I was back at the

Certainly, the Lancashire air appeared to inspire Palmer once again as he rediscovered his game to finish within one shot of Neil Coles, the first-

round leader. In fact, he made an inauspicious start by putting his opening shot into a bunker but he splashed out to within

three feet to salvage his three.
Palmer, aged 62, forfeited
the shot he gained, with a pitch to two feet for a birdie at the 4th, by playing an indifferent pitch at the 9th. Out in 35, he threatened to take command by holing putts of 20 feet and 15 feet at the 10th and 13th respectively.

But Palmer hit another poor chip to drop a shot at the 15th, whereas, alongside him, Christy O'Connor, aged 67, collected one of three birdies in an inward half of 33 for a

Coles was also home in 33

A LOG jam at the top of the

Dutch Open championship

after one round does scant

justice to Roger Winchester, a

former English amateur

champion. The easterly wind

in the morning put all the par

fives out of range, so that Winchester's 68, four under

In the afternoon, the wind

swung through 180 degrees

and, now coming off the sea,

offered rich pickings and two

formidable challengers, Greg-Norman and Bernard Lang-

er, moved up alongside Winchester. Mark Mouland, too.

The advantage the late start-

ers enjoyed was such that the

11th and 14th holes, 498 yards and 531 yards respec-

tively, provided a proliferation

of birdies. Norman reached

them with eight-iron and six-

iron respectively. Others with

All this would have been

impossible before lunch. Sandy Lyle, for instance, went

out in 41, five over par, before

launching a laudible recovery

and Ronan Rafferty in 43,

before limping home to a 78.

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ar, was outstanding.

chance of regaining this championship, which he won in 1987. Coles will be 58 in September but he still plays the game with the economical ease with which he won 28 times on the PGA European

iron to eight feet for a two at

the 5th and a three-iron into

the teeth of the wind to eight

feet at the 8th. His eagle at the

I I th was the product of a solid

drive and a three-iron from

220 yards, which left his ball

Bobby Verwey, the defend-ing champion, and Bob Charles, of New Zealand, both

scored 71. Charlie Moore, playing for the first time outside of the United States,

was one of several to take 72.

He has been sponsored by the

members at the Farms Coun-

try Chib in Connecticut.

The PGA European Se-

miors Tour has announced two

new sponsored events, taking

the number of tournaments

on the circuit to ten. The Northern Electrical tournament, to be played at Slaley Hall, Northumberland, on

August 28 to 30, and the Tunisian Seniors, from De-

cember 3 to 5, will each have prize-money of £50,000.
FRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and reland unions stated) 68: N Coles. 70: A Paimer (US), P Buller. 71: R Chortes (NZ), B Venery (SA), "J Hinch (US) 72: "A Smethurst, A Proctor (US), C Moore (US), S Hoboley (SA).
Tiecotha (US), E Hober, 73: R Have (US).

15 feet from the hole.

Even so. Coles made it difficult for himself as he dropped a shot at both the 2nd and 3rd holes. Thereafter, he was a model of consistency and, with five birdies in nine holes from the sixth, he took

Coles said: "Golf has to take second place to golf-course design in my life now but if the senior tour continues to grow in Europe then I will play more often."

The prospect of Coles vying with Palmer again will remind many that they met in the mangural World Match Play Championship in 1964. Palmer won and Peter Butler, whom he beat on the way to the final, is another who would welcome the chance to take on the legendary Ameri-

"Arnold beat me in the first round," Butler said, "He also beat me in the Ryder Cup the next year at Royal Birkdale." Butler, who had three birdies and one eagle, also scored. 70. He struck some marvel-

Winchester fires

a fine opening



In full swing: Brian Huggett on the way to a 65 at Royal Lytham yesterday

Wright flies off to great start

suspended, with Wright just a

shot behind the American trio

of Muffin Spencer-Devlin,

Donna Andrews and Nancy

Ramsbottom, the early lead-

ers. All were safely finished and hoping fervently that the

weather would not be so bad as to wipe out the round.

Oakmont is the most histor-

PROM JOHN HENNIESEY IN NOORDWIJK IN 1927. Tommy Armour, Norman went off with a the Silver Scot, won the first flourish, hauling in birdies at the first three holes. He missed US Open to be played at Oakmont. Yesterday, Pam Wright, known as the Great the green at the short 6th, Scot, made a great start in her turned in 34, and departed from par coming in only at attempt to win the first US those two generous long holes. Women's Open to be held Using only one starting tee. it was a long slog, made the

Wright, out early, had already signed for a battling 70, one under par, when the worse by unnecessarily slow play in the morning. "I blame heavens opened and the weathe officials," Norman said. LEADING SCORES (GE) and Ireland unit B Limber (Ger), M Monderch Rt. M McLean, P. Stewartz (US), 70: G Event, R Las. 71: J Stewartz (US), 70: G Event, R Las. 71: J Stewartz (P Michael), P.U. Johannacon (Swe), V Singh (Fel), D Fehrery, D Silve (Por), J Rivero (SO), G Dey (US), W Western (SA), G Turner (NZ), R Hentmann (US), D Smyth, H Beccall, E Derroy, C Montgomeria, J Hobotoy, R Boreal, E Derroy, C Montgomeria, J Hobotoy, R Boreal, E Derroy, C Montgomeria, J Re Rosea, E Derroy, C Montgomeria, J Re Rosea, Holl, G Michael (US), D Milovic (Carl, J-M Discribed (So), P O'Malley Juuni, G Brand, Jr D Gallondon, M Pos, C Tambe van Wester), L D Basson (SA), R Drummond, F Nobiol (VC), J Rystrom (Sweden).

ic club in the country - it is on the National Register of Historic Places and has plaques to ther that had been threatening all morning unleashed its full legendary for its difficulty.

The start is shot of the day at the testing legendary for its difficulty.

Wright missed the first three bunker. She hit a four iron already wet. Play was duly greens (she was in bunkers out, short of the green, mis-

two years ago.

under par with what an appreciative marshal called helluva birdie" at the short sixth, where she hit a five iron to four feet. Another birdie looked likely at the seventh, where she hit a

twice) but salvaged par fours

each time. She moved to one

four iron to five feet, but she misread the putt, looking for a break that was not there.

Wright dropped her only shot of the day at the testing

Taylor left to fly flag for internationals Sheppard, who finished run-

YESTYN Taylor is the sole surviving international in the Welsh boys' championship at Wrexham after several principal contenders fell by the wayside yesterday (Chris Smart writes).

Taylor, winner of the South Wales junior title last week, booked a place in the semifinals in stylish fashion, disposing of Peter Hunt 6 and 5 and then winning four of the first five holes on his way to a 4 and 3 victory over Chris

ionship at Conwy, were surprise casualties, going down in the quarter-finals to Rowlands ner-up in the championship

This morning Taylor faces and Pugh respectively.

RESULTS: First round: C Shappard (Southendown) or C Williams (Creipaul), 2 and 1; Y Taylor (Bryshill) bit P J Hunt (Heneritudieses), 6 and 5, D H Part (Herefordstree) bit M J Newn (Abergele, 5 and 4:1 M Rowlands (Dit Padeswood) bit J Rubinson (Witerland, 4 and 3, M R Dawles (Permed) bit S P Austerberry, 3 and 1, M T Dawles (Portlandawl) bit L Holmes (Padeswood and Buckley), 21st; J Pugh (Windclurch) bit M Lucas (Bryshill), 21st; R W Price (Morresportshree) bit J C Coursin (Worsley), 6 and 4 Ourrier-finals: Taylor bit Sheppag), 4 and 3, Rowlands to Park, 1 hote, R Dawles bit M Dawles, 2 and 1, Pugh bit Price, 2 and 1. Ian Rowlands, the Welsh Schools champion, while in the other match Ross Davies, making his first appearance in the event, plays Jonathan Pugh.
David Park and Rhodri Price, who both made a significant impression while representing Wales in the recent

and Pugh respectively.

judged an attempted chip and run and ended up holing from five feet for bogey. However, her short game helped her save par three times in the next four holes and she moved back to one under when she rattled in a ten foot uphili putt for a birdie three at the 17th.

The 17th is a short par four only 285 yards but all uphill. Andrews came to grief there with a double bogey six that included a two-shot penalty for hitting her ball with a practice stroke and failing to replace it on its original spot.

Ramsbottom, playing with Wright, had a double bogey six at the first and was three over par after three. She refused to succumb, however. and, making the most of her local caddy's course knowhow, played the remaining holes in five under par, without dropping a shot EARLY FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated), 69: M Spencer-Devin, D Andrews, N Ramsbottom 70: P Winght (GB), K Tschener.

☐ Estoril: Laura Navarro, of Spain, and Nathalie Milocchi of Switzerland shot rounds of 67 to share the first-round lead of the European Ladies CYCLING

Marie springs a surprise on the sprint specialists

Tours, France: Thierry Marie took the specialist sprint finishers by surprise to snatch victory in the eighteenth stage of the Tour de France yesterday, with Miguel Indurain, the race leader, safely in the huge leading

Indurain, virtually certain of his second consecutive Tour victory, finished the 212km stage from Montlucon 63rd in a pack of 122, all credited with the same time as Marie. The leading overall positions were Indurain is expected to ex-

tend his 1 min 42sec advan-tage over the Italian, Claudio Chiappucci, today when the 130 remaining riders face an 64km from Tours to Blois. The Spaniard's splendid

49kph performance in the Luxembourg time trial ten days ago swept his rivals aside and set up his challenge for the yellow jersey, which he took in the Alps on Saturday. Marie's strength is the short

opening time trial to multistage races. He has started three past Tours in the yellow jersey by winning those pro-logues. He finished only third in the prologue 19 days ago in then he would make up for the disappointment with a stage

Marie surprised the 1991 Tour when he produced the second longest breakaway in race history to win at Le Havre after a ride of 234km. That

jersey for two days before Greg LeMond took it from him as he had done after the

Marie's success yesterday was short and sharp, but it needed two attempts before he edged out Jelle Nijdam, of Holland, and the Belgian champion, Johan Museeuw, in only the second mass sprint of this year's Tour.

"I attacked 800 metres from the line, then when Nijdam passed me I followed him. Then with 100 metres left I

After a lull in the action, the race came alive again in the final 60km with a series of attacks. But there is still a fight on for third place. Pascal Lino, Gianni Bugno, are the main contenders.

CONTENDERS.

EIGHTEENTH STAGE Montucon to Tours, 213/m; 1, 1 Marie [Fr. Castorama, 5hr 7mm 15cec, 2. J Nijdam (Holl, Buckler, 3. J Museeuar (Bet. Loso), 4, 0 Lordwey (Ger. Pensanne), 5, L Justicer (Fr. Once), 6, A Da Sika (Por, Festmal; 7, G Fridarca (f. Gatorade); 8, 5 Lihet (Den, Tujp), 8, P Anderson (Aus., Motorola); 10, H Mandor, Holl, Helvettal; 11, V Bomov (Russ., Pensaome), 12, J Mutter (Sadz, Helvettal; 3, A Peiper (Aus. Tulp), 14, J-P van Poppel (Hott, PDM), 15, H Recami (Bel, Lobio), all same time Birtish and Insh placings; 36, S yales (GB), 47, S kefty (Re); 72, S Pocho (Ire), 87, M Earley (Re), 100, R Matter (GB), all same time.

OMERALL: 1, M Industan (Sp. Banesto), 88hr 56mm 25sec; 2, C Chappusco (f. Carrago, 1 mm 42sec behind: 3, A Hampoten (U.S. Motorola), 807; 4, P Lino (Fr. PMC), 92, 5, G Bugno (fl. Gascrade), 100, 9, 6, P Delgado (Sp. Banesto), 11, 90, 7, 8

FOOTBALL

Rocastle completes £2 million transfer

DAVID Rocastle accepted one of the most unenviable tasks in English football yesterday when he pledged the next four years of his career to Leeds United. Within a matter of minutes of completing a £2 million transfer from Arsenal, Rocastle listened impassively as his new manager, Howard Wilkinson, described him as the natural, long-term replacement for Gordon Strachan, the veteran Scottish international acknowledged as the driving force behind Leeds's

recent revival. Strachan, who led the Yorkshire dub to the League championship just over two months ago, is nearing the and, although he is expected to be fit enough to start the season, a persistent back injuty is likely to limit his senior

The right-hand side of midfield is a position which I

that particular area and David Rocastle satisfies that need and also adds to the overall strength of my squad." While Rocastle completed day, Alan Shearer, the South-

have been seeking to fill during the summer," Wilkin-

son said. "We have a need in

ampton forward, appeared ready to follow suit and confirm his transfer to Blackburn Rovers in the British record £4 million deal. After speaking earlier this week to the Blackburn manager, Kenny Dalglish, Shearer, the England forward, was yesterday considering his future.

The Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson, has made it clear that in the present climate he cannot hope to match Blackburn's bid. Yesterday, however, Ferguson watched the Dutch forward, Dennis Bergkamp, playing for Ajax.

N SHEET WAY Lewis bout

go-ahead It has been confirmed that the world heavyweight boxing title eliminator between Lennox Lewis and Razor Ruddock on October 31 will take place at the main arena at Earl's Court, London.

Kensington and Chelsea council officials were con-cerned about "noise pollution" with the bout not starting until 12.50am, causing thousands of people to flood onto the local streets in the early hours of Sunday morning. But a transport system, guaranteed by promoters Champion Enterprises, to provide a coach service to car parks has prompted the local council to issue a licence for the show.

Auriol leads

Motor rallying: Didier Auriol, driving a Lancia, took the first leg of the 1,890km Argentine rally yesterday, building up a five-second lead over Carlos

Courier beaten

Tennis: Jim Courier, the world No. 1, was unexpectedly beaten in the Phillips-Head tournament in Kitzbühel yesterday by the unseeded Uruguayan Diego Perez, who won 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Loe cleared

Rugby union: New Zealand vesterday cleared Richard Loe of foul play following an incident in the international against Australia last weekend broken nose.

YACHTING

Double triumph for the family floating home

keep a good boat down. In the second race of the Rolex and Vicky Jackson, also acts as second race of the Rolex Commodore's Cup at Cowes yesterday Sunstone, the 27year-old Sparkman and Stevens design, beat the purpose-built Argentinian boat, Bwana, by more than four and a half minutes, thanks in no small part to a huge time allowance given to the English boat under the IMS system (Alix Ramsay writes).

☐ The English girls' champ-

ionship final at Coventry today

will be between Fiona Brown

and Lorna Nicholson, from

Saddleworth. Brown and Nicholson are included in the

England team for the girls'

home internationals at

Moseley from August 5 to 7.

TEAM: S Bishop (Olemer Park), F Brown (Heswell), S Bulchers (Princs's), A Murraly (Lancester), I. Nicholson (Saddleworth), T Poulton (Boyce Hill), K Rostron (Chiri, T Poulton (Boyce Hill), K Rostron (Chira), G Simpson (Cleditheaton and District).

Bwana was built specifically for the new IMS class yet she still could not beat the elderly but surprisingly fast Sunstone. whose corrected time was a full hour less than her actual time for the 20-mile course. What must also be infuriating

IT WOULD seem you cannot for the Argentinian team is their home when she is moored in the Hamble.

The win completed a double for Sunstone. On Wednesday she had been listed in sixth place but after of frantic recalculation, she was adjudged to have also won the Tuborg Trophy race, instead of the American boat Gaucho.

AMERICAN DOST CHILCHO.
RESULTS: 1, Sunstore (T and V Jackson, Engl., 2hr 45min 23sec; 2, Sweng (T Bongstrom, Angl., 2.46-55, 3, Aprico, IJ Dare, US Team B), 2.51:55; 4, Impusse (P Morran, Jessey), 2.52:05; 5, Swelin (J Sterrmer, Holland Team A), 2.52:07; 6, Califa St. Amebalage, Angl., 252:15. Team positions: 1, US Team A, 258;pts.; 2, Angentine, 256,80; 3, England, 248,74; 4, Holtand Team B, 207, 5, Jersey, 204, 6, US Team B, 183; 7, Hong Kong, 138,60; 8, Holtand Team A, 195; 9, Scotland, 133:50; 10, Wates, 94:50, 11, Pirland, 70:50; 12, France, 68

POLO

Heguy proves decisive

THE challenge for the 26-goal Prince Philip Cup continued at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday. Bill Bond-Elliott's Santa Fe (received 1) met Kerry Packer's Ellerston White, who won, 8-7 (John

Watson writes). It was clear at the end of the first couple of chukkas, which they comprised the more effective tactical combination.

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more co-operative No. 1 than William Lucas. Whereas Picci Alberdi, Santa Fe's mercurial pivot man, did not combine so

well with his forwards.

winner from a close penalty The tournament continues at Stedham next Wednesday when Ellerston White play

Bautisto Heguy put in the

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL MATTONAL LEAGUE: Affects Brance 2: St Louis Cardinals 0; New York Mete 7: Los Angeles Dodgers 5; Sen Francisco Glate 4, Montree Expos 1; Chicago Cube 3, Circonnati Ruds 0; Preladelphia Phillies 4, Seri Diego Padres 0; Pittoburgh Phillies 10, Houston Astos 7 (13 hrss.)

European boys team champ-

San Torgot rapes 9, Places 9, Places 19, Places 9, Places 9, Places 9, Places 19, Places

CAPO D'ORLANDO, Sicily: IBF teather-weight title: Manuel Medina (Mex) bit Fabrizio Capper (11), rac, 1 1th md. CRICKET

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RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI
CHAMPIONSHIP: Sealon Curew: Durham
251-4 dae (6 A Daley 129 not out. D A
Bendron 76 and 141-6 dae (6 Cook 58 not
out); Middesser 130-4 dae (8 J 5/ms 52)
and 93-0 Meach clarum. Chelmador. Esser164 and 302 (AC Filchards 8B, A G J Finser
89; A M Belongton 5-589; Gloucestershire
407-5 dae (9/ G N Windows 123, R J
Curtifie 81 not out, R C Williams 81 not out,
I J Morgan 55: Freser 4-85) and 60-2.
Gloucestershire won by 8 wo-sts. Mitchellin
and Buders, Surrey 289 (1 A Grey) 107, D J
Ligarteoud 57; M AV Bel 5-49; and second
rinings forfeated: Warvictoshire 22-0 dae
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114 auris. Worcester (Flagge Meachow);
Kert 351-6 dae and 185-5 dae (M J Walliam
80); Morcestershire 290-6 dae and 115-5.
Metch drawn. Wellingborough School:
Hampshire 53 pM N Bowen 4-15) and 211
(M J Thursfeld 58 not out, R TP MHer 90; T
C Welton 4-37; Northamptonshire 200-7
dae (A L Perberthy 19), M B Love 60).
Northants won by an innings and 25 runs
hand R COUNTES. CHAMPONSHIP:
Lacrathaster, Herefordshire 188-7 dae (R P
Styrme 55, P Bert 50) and 233-4 dae (J W
O Leighton 76 not out, H TP Maie 52;
Comwell 160 (Bent 4-13, P Micze 4-38) and
189-6 Darchaster. Downt 154 and 76 UF
M O'Bren 5-32, C Mer 5-20; Chastine
116 and 80 (S R Weltondge 4-55, J H
Shecketon 5-13). Darsyt won by 34 runs
Luton: Heritordshire 134 and 8-0; Bectonshire 171-8 dae (D Stardige 4-55), Metch
chaun. Fermer'ts: Cambridgeshire 176-3
dae and 251-3 dae (S W Ecclestone 67, B
Roberts 83 nat out; Northamberland 155
and 110-2. Maich drawn.

CROQUET

D Correlius, -8, +16, +25p; J Dawson bl A McDarmol, +13, +5, 5 Tuke bt D Goocher, +18, +5 W Coles bt D Wiggins, -3, +16, +16p, C inven bt M Saumn, +26, +17, M Fierach bt I Vincent, +21p, +17; Fulland bt T Browne, +25p, +25p, G Asparall bt G Liddland, +17p, +18. Third round: D Openshaw bt R Brown, +8, -3, +19, J Watters bt T Saum, +17, -17p, +5, C Ilwam to M French, +14, +12cp, +28p, S Multier bt J Guest, +17, +23, W Coles bt S Taite, -17, +4, +4, Doubles: Second round: J Bundope and D B Maugham bt A R K Miles and JJ C Ruddock, +21, +10; S Comsh and L J Palmer bt G N Asparall and C J Irwa, -13TP, +16, +25, D K Openchaw and J O Watters bt M E W Heap and A I Saum, +4, +15 Causter-finals C D Clerke and R I Fallich of the Mac Consum and M R French, +14, +2, P Day and Gootbard bt Bundge and Maugham, +14, +12.

FOOTBALL

HUSSIAN LEAGUE: Goup A: Dynano-Gezonic Tyurnen 3, Okean Nakhodiu 3, Fakel Voronezh 0, Spartal, Vladikavkaz 0, Urahmesh Essennturg 3, Lokomotiv Moscow 1, Leading positions: 1, CSVA Moscow, 14, 19, 3, Dynano Moscow 1, Aspanel Moscow 14, 19, 3, Dynano Moscow 1, Aspanel Moscow 12, 17 Group B: Krylya Sovetov Samara 1, Loliomotiv Nathry-Norgonol 1, Aspanel Moscow 1, Rostal Moscow 0, Zeni St Petersburg 1, Notan Krasnodir 0, Leading positions: 1, Asmaral Moscow 1, Backing Duchtons: 1, Asmaral Moscow, 13, 20, 3, Lokomotiv Ncthry-Norgonol, 14, 19, SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offic: Second round: Aseau 1, Young Soys Sem 1, FC Zurich 0, Son 1, Neurotatel Xenrar 3, Grasshoppers: Zunch 3; Lugtino 1, Bulle 1, Servete 2, Chasso 0, Lausernre 0, St Gall 0, Leading positions (alter two metricles) 1, Sion, Apas, 2, Young Boys, 3, 3, Bulle, 3.

BEKSCSABA Hungery: European Champonether: Fifth day: Standard (233km inengle: 45 of 45) 1, A Parkta Fin), Discus A. 112 2kph, 630pt; equal 2. Hiviets (6e), Discus A. 112 2kph, 630pt; equal 2. Hiviets (6e), Discus A. 103, 450, 24, W kay. AFW 24, 1002, 487, 30, P Gasjord, Discus B. 96 4, 470 15 meter (318km OR: 28 acmpletons of 29) 1, E Ziegler (6e1, Vertus, 116kph, 90qus; 2. L Stark (Austhid) LS6, 114.5, 837, 3, D Gustly (Hunt), LS6, 112.8, 474. British: 10, E Lysakovskii, Vertus C. 110.8, 831, 19, B Soveckley, LS6, 104.5, 751, Open (318km OR: 14 of 14); 1, B Solem (140), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 816pt; 2, P Bourgard (8e), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 116pt; 2, D German (140), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 116pt; 2, D Bungard (8e), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 116pt; 2, D Bungard (8e), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 116pt; 2, D Bungard (8e), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 116pt; 2, D Gomman (6e), Nimbus 3, 125kph, 116pt; 2, D German (6e), Nimbus 3, D Ger 3. D. Flament (Fr), ASA/228, 120.1, 737. British: 6, J. Gominge (GB), ASA/23, 116.7, 891. Other British: A New ASA/25, 116.7, 891. Other British: A New ASA/25, 11.5, 652. Carmitative S. Caysis: Standard (of AS), 1, C. Trebet (Rep.), 157, 37.45); 2, T. Puber (Pol), S2D56, 3628, 3. F. Kepha (Pol), ASA/24, 3618, British: 23, Gassland, 2945, 32, W. Keya, 2737, 33, Carmbed, 2443, 15, matro (of 29); 1, Napolean (Fr), 4105;pts; 2, G. Gertacad (Fr), L. S68, 4091; 3, Gurshy (Hurl), 3894, British: 9, Spracticuty, 3581; 19, Lysakovski, 3158. Open (of 14); 1, 8 Selen (Mol), 4510;pts; 2, Liharm (Fr), 4389; 3, Kriogissus (Ger), Nambus A, 4218. British: 8, A Key, 4011; 12, Governge, 3557.

ESTORIE, Portugal: European women's emisteur chempioniship: First round; 87: N. Milocols (Swe); 98: E Knish (Spi 70: L. Tadioso (Swe); 91: J. Miorisy (GS); A Arrus (So); C Geleynse (Holt) 72: AC Jonasson (Swe); Vignali (Spi), S Erissson (Swe); S Carellen (ii)

Amateur championship.

MOTOR RALLYING

ARGENTINE PALLY: First leg: 1, D Aunol 67), Lancia, 40rm 55eec. 2, C Sanz (Sp). Toyos. 2100, 3, J Recalde (Arg), Lancia, 2230, 4, A Fiono (0, Lancia, 4239; 5, G Trefes (Und, Larcia, 4252; 6, C Menem Jr (Arg), Lancia, 4610, 7, G Raise (Arg), Henault, 4653, 8, R Sohn (Austria), Audi, 4718, 9, M Torras (Arg), Fernault, 4821, 10, H Rosso (Arg), Fat, 4901

TENNIS

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AUSTICE Philips Head Cup tournement: Second round: G Markus (Arg) bt R Fromberg (Austra), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; He to Rene (August 1997) bt R Fromberg (Austra), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; He to Rene (August 1997), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2, D Rev (Cc) of F Rog (Sp), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; P Rog (Sp), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; P Rog (Sp), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; D Reige (Pus) bt J Couner (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-7; D Reige (Pus) bt J Couner (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; D Reige (Pus) bt J Schrift, assov, 7-6, 6-2; Third round: E Sonchez (Sp) bt T Buthmayer (Austra), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, P Sampas (US) bt T Carbonel (Sp), 6-8, 6-1, M Fishpin (Luty bt I, Meltar (Br), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6; T Musser (Austra), 5-7, 7-6, 6-1, M Fishpin (Luty bt I, Meltar (Br), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6; T Musser (Austra) bt J Oncare (Br), 6-4, 6-2, A Renchi (Arg) bt R Aza (Arg), 6-0, 7-5, G Merkus (Arg) bt R Aza (Arg), 6-0, 7-5, G Merkus (Arg) bt R TORIONTO: Canadéan Opert Third round:

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TORONTO: Camadian Open: Third round:
P Norde (Cz) in R Herscherg (LIS), 6-4, 6-2,
A Agess (US) in G Rusedso (Can), 6-4, 6I, Lend (LIS) in S You' (Aux), 6-1, 6-4
Nacissen (US) in H Holm (Swe), 6-4, 7-6;
AKEErroe (US) in H Holm (Swe), 6-6, 7-6;
BKEErroe (US) in H Holm (Swe), 6-6, 7-6;
6-1, A Marsolot (Bar) in C Profism (Can), 66-1, A Marsolot (Bar) in C Profism (Can), 66-1, 6-2
I No Section (LIS) in Research (Bar), 46-6-3, 6-2
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2.7-5. W Masur (Aus.) til P Kuhnen (Ger), 4-6-3, 6-2.
ILCLEY: LTA Allind Textiline: Open Chemptoniship: Men: Third round: D Sepsiord Surrey) in K Wood (Sou), 8-4, 3-8, 6-4; 8-6.
Comean (Larcs) til G Sastiny (Berks), 6-1, 8-7, 6-3, P Robinson (Northants) til S Ichargill (Yorks), 6-4, 6-2 N Futhwood (Derbys) til B Paster (Durharn and Cleveland), 4-6 8-0, 6-1, N Pastiny (Surrey) til S Heton (Yorks), 6-4, 8-3; P Hend (Berks) til A Carswell (Yorks), 6-2, 7-5, G Henderson (Yorks) til N Adams (Essed), 6-2, 6-7, 8-6; L Metthews (Hants) til M Wyeth (Middol), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Women: Second round: A Granield (Lancs) til M Hughes (Yorks), 6-1, 7-5, S Griffiths (Middol) til F Stoner (Surrey), 6-1, 8-3; K Hand (Berks) til K Pickett (Warwsies), 6-1, 6-3; E Norige (Surrey) til S Longbrotom (Yorks), 6-3, 6-3; J Salmon (Sussen) til S Jackson (Chestrey), 6-4, 6-3, A Smith (Stotic) til H Crook (Essed, 6-1, 6-2, V Leho Obwon) til T Wishweight (Warwsies), 6-3, 6-2.

HILVERSUM: Dutch Open: Quarter-Snatz F Sanzono (Fr) bt J Slemernik (Holl), 6-3, 6-1, K Movacek (Cz) bt J Ellingh (Holl), 6-3, 6-1

SHOOTING

Pugsley seals first Bisley overall title by a female

By OUR RIFLE SHOOTING CORRESPONDENT

husband. John, won a for teams of 20 at 300, 500 Queen's Prize, made her own and 600 yards. piece of Bisley history yesterday. She won the Land Rover Grand Aggregate, the overall championship of the meeting. with 591 out of 605.

On a big day for the Devon couple, John Pugsley won the Prince of Wales Prize by putting his 15 shots into the small central area of the bull'seye at 600 yards. Women have been shooting on the Surrey ranges since 1892, always on equal terms

with the men, but Mary

Pugsley is the first to win the Grand Aggregate in the 120year history of the event. After a slow start last weekend, she shot her way into the lead by one point before the deciding event was shot yesterday. She scored a possible 75, with 15 shots in the bull's-eye. ten of them in the dead centre.

The official result does not come out until today, when all 1,200 scorecards have been examined, but her total of 591 in ten events put her in an unassailable position. The nunner-up is expected to be Paul Kent of the Old

Epsomians, who finished one point behind Pugsley after leading most of the week. The Pugsleys today shoot in

the second stage of the Queen's Prize, which decides the 100 who shoot the final ternorrow.

Hazel Mackintosh top scored in the National Match

MARY PUGSLEY, whose between the Home Countries,

and 600 yards.

RESULTS: Land Rover Grand Aggregate (unoffica) 1, M. Pugstey (Favestock), 591.76; 2, P. Kemt tO Epsomean), 590.76; 3, F. Otefield-Box (N. London), 599.75; 4, G. Barnett (UGRE), 599.69; 5, A. Chown (Lloyds Bank), 597.63; 6, J. Beitringer (OEpsomean), 597.62; Prince of Welse Price (600 yds), 1, Physicy (Favestock), 75; 15; 2, J. Pston (Can), 75.14; 3, S. Lo Chemmant (Jensey), 75.13. National Challenge Trophy (teams of 20); 1, England, 2,025; 14, Chown 103.17], 2, Ireland, 2,007.01 Mackimsola 105.13; 3, Scottend, 1,990; C. Moyes 104.17), 4, Wales, 1,971 (M. Bartlett 102.12) Overseens Trophy (teams of 12); 1, Canada 1,201; 2, Jersey, 1,195. Junior Overseens (teams of four), 1, USA, 398. 2 Germany, 395, 3, Guomesy, 394. A G. Bell Trophy flearns of 12); 1, UK Cadets, 1,192; 2, Canada (Ladets, 1,131 Universities National Match (teams of eight); 1, English, 807, 2, Scottish, 388.

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Three wickets for Mallender on Test match debut

Pakistan struggle as seamers take control

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First innings

BOWLING. Lewis 18-4-36-1 (w 2) (6-2-13-0, 10-2-23-1), Malfender 19-7-55-3 (nb 2) (13-5-32-2, 6-2-23-1); Parigle 17-6-41-2 (nb 10) (14-4-38-2, 3-2-3-0); Munton 8-3-18-1 (nb 3) (one spell); Gooch 6-3-11-0 (w 2) (5-3-7-0, 1-0-4-0)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Rain stopped play 12.05-2.29pm Lunch 36-1 (Ramiz 9, Mujtaba 0), 15 overs, 50° 89 mins, 20.5 overs, RSP 3.26-4.20pm, Tee 68-4 (Salim 5, Inzamam 0), 27 overs, 100° 180 mins, 41.2 overs, 150° 264 mins, 61.3 overs.

ENGLAND: "G A Gooch, †A J Stewart, M A Atherton, R A Smith, D I Gower, G A Hick, M R Ramprakash, C C Lewis, D R Pringle, N A Mallender, T A Munton.

HEADINGLEY (first day of five, Pakistan won toss): Pakistan have scored 165 for eight wickets against England

HEADINGLEY tends to have the same effect on Test bats-men as car headlights have on rabbits: the danger is real enough and they cannot coordinate mind and body to avoid it. Pakistan yesterday became the latest victims of the phenomenon as England won the opening round of the critical fourth Cornhill Test match.

Pakistan's score would be a pittance on any other ground, and yet nothing which took place, on a day disjointed by two lengthy breaks for rain, could be termed unexpected. True to character, Headingley has laid on a pitch of no pace and uneven bounce, where the ball has seamed and swung. Add to this the transparent apprehension of the batsmen and you have the familiar local custom of low scores and a potentially early finish.

But for Salim Malik, Pakistan's plight would be extreme. He might have been out first ball and he was beaten more often than he would care to recall, but he was unbeaten on 57 at the dose, some conscientious defence giving way to audacious,

pre-ordained aggression.

Neil Mallender vindicated his inclusion by taking three wickets on his first day of Test cricket, maintaining the accurate line for which he was chosen. There were wickets for each of the other three England seam bowlers and, completing a gratifying day for the selectors, three catches at second slip for Graeme Hick.

As ever on this ground, winning the toss was cause for headscratching rather than celebration, and it is a safe bet that there are those in the Pakistan dressing-room who believe Javed Miandad was wrong to bat first. His first consolation is that Graham Gooch would have made the same decision: his second is that England are unlikely to have conditions any more favourable when they bat

After a good deal of agonising. Pakistan included their specialist spin bowler. Mushtaq Ahmed, in an unchanged side. England resist-ed temptation to follow suit and omitted theirs, Childs,

Gooch's final exhortation will have concerned the need to bowl straight to exploit the conditions, and his thoughts will have been unprintable when Chris Lewis began the game with two wides.

For a fine, natural athlete, Lewis has it in him to look unaccountably lethargic. He did so now, in a six-over spell which squandered the new

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inzamam-ul-Haq c Hick b Munton. Edged outswinger knee-high to second slip Wasim Aram run out (Gooch-Lewis) Salim declined third run to deep mid wicket

ball and contrasted sharply with the predatory Mallender from the other end. Mallender's first ball beat an indiscreet drive from Ramiz, who survived a confident legbefore shout from the second.

This was never likely to be a day for the cavalier Sohail, but at least he played naturally, making 23 out of 34 before tamely dabbing a short ball to slip in Mallender's seventh over. Ramiz, as if appalled by his start, retreated into a diffident mood which subsequent batsmen inherited.

The first break for rain was perhaps 15 minutes longer than it should have been, neither the groundstaff nor the umpires displaying much urgency over removing the covers and restarting. It was to be a session of only 55 minutes, but it was a produc-tive one for England, who took

three wickets for 14 before the weather closed in again.
Asif Mujtaba, pushing away
from his body with a crooked bat, was bowled by Mallender off the inside edge, whereupon Pringle, who would probably take 100 wickets every season if he played here for Yorkshire, took two wickets, and almost a third, in an extraordinary

Pringle was troubled all day by his periodical overstepping failing, but at least it contribut ed to the curiosity of wickets being taken with the first and ninth balls of an over. Ramiz was bowled by an inswinger, two hours of frustration evident, and after Malik had edged his first ball just past second slip, Miandad was caught off bat and pad at short-leg, breaking the mod-ern trend by setting off for the pavilion before he could be

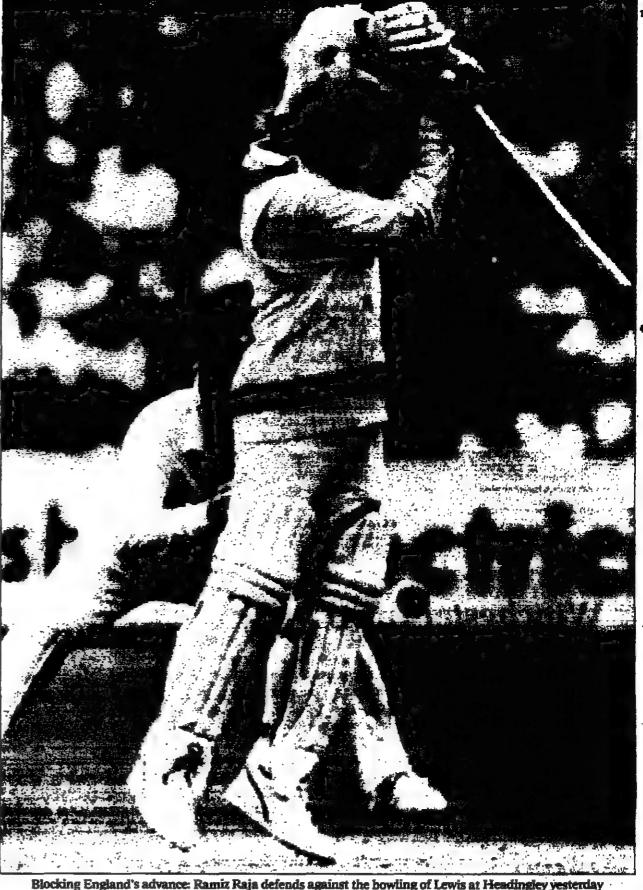
given out.

The sluggish pace of the pitch asserted itself once more in the day's final session. Inzamam just could not restrain his instinct to drive, edging Munton to second slip, and Akram, who found his strokemaking neutered, was a being sacrificed, by Malik, when the batsmen mistakenly felt there was a three to deep

mid-wicket against a man celebrating his 39th birthday. Lewis, summoning more life and inducing some ominous variations in bounce, dispatched Moin Khan. caught off the back of his bat. and Mallender returned to remove Wagar. But Malik's deliberate acceleration has dominated a ninth-wicket stand of 37 and England will be anxious to strike early this morning, when a full house is likely for what, by normal cricketing standards, is ghoul-

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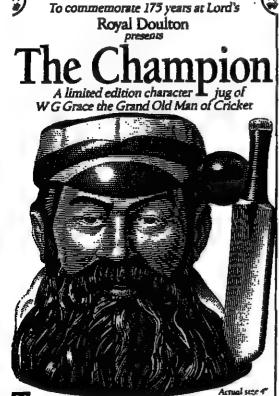
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THE Olympic Games are about wirmers and losers. There is unlikely to be a more spectacular loser than Nike, the American shoe and apparel manufacturer whose \$20 million worldwide television advertising campaign, built around Dan O'Brien, collapsed in ruins when the decathlon world champion failed to qualify for the American team.

Almost as painful was the blow to the Japanese firm Mizuno when its celebrated hero Cari Lewis, on a personal \$1.7 million contract, failed to take his place as 100 metres world record holder; he will of course take part in the long jump. The war between advertisers over the next fortnight. and especially between shoe manufacturers, will be as intense as anything between

sports competitors.

The medal rostrum for the financial year 1990-1 saw Nike take the gold with a gross turnover of \$3.5 billion. Polevaulter Sergey Bubka and sprinter Michael Johnson are among its endorsement dients. In second place was Reebok (US) with \$2.9 billion. and relegated to third place was the formerly dominant giant. Adidas (Germany), at \$2.6 billion. Some way behind

Dancing the soft-shoe shuffle FROM DAVID MILLER IN BARCELONA

came the Japanese company Asics, from whom Liz McColgan collects £30,000 a year, on \$1.2 billion. Puma (£60,000 a year to Linford Christie). Mizuno and Diadora were well below the Stephen Rubin, the British

head of the vast Pentland Group and the new owner of Adidas, has promised to mount an all-out campaign to regain the position once commanded by the late Horst Dassier, whose company could claim the allegiance of almost any nation, world championship team or individual worth a name.

Yet whereas Horst Dassler and his front-line sales representatives, such as John Boulter, the former British athlete based in France, knew

Honour is withdrawn

Barcelona: Fina, swimming's world governing body, has withdrawn its 1986 honorary award to East Germany for outstanding contribution to the sport as a gesture in the fight against drug abuse (Craig Lord writes).

East German women swimmers dominated the Olympic medals table from 1976 onevery principal sports official and competitor in the world on first name terms, now the Adidas organisation has no such inside track and Boulter has switched allegiance to Reebok, which has the contract with the US Olympic committee for the entire team to appear in its ceremoniai gear, ie at the opening ceremony and medal presentations. Whether Magic Johnson and his basketball colleagues will

Outside the American professional basketball league, the richest shoe contract in history has been signed by Jim Courier, from tennis, with Nike, for a minimum of \$4 million a year over five years. Andre Agassi may well sur-

do so, given their multi-dollar

counter-contracts, remains to

wards. In 1986, the year of the Fina award, they won all but three of the 16 world championship titles. One of those, the 800 metres freestyle, went to Astrid Strauss, who was banned in May after testing positive for steroids.

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pass that figure following his Wimbledon victory. Is it a surprise that track athletes are tempted to reach for drugs?

The spikes treadmill, if that is the word, began back in 1968, at the Grenoble Winter Games, dominated by Jean Claude Killy, and the Mexico City Summer Games, the commercial potential now opened up by television. Alpine and track stars were to be seen removing their skis and shoes following victory and waving them in front of the cameras. Avery Brundage, the American president of the International Olympic Committee, suffered apoplexy, and Karl Schranz, the Austrian skier, was subsequently and historically suspended from the 1972 Winter Games. That incident was the turning point in the trend towards professionalism, assiduously nur-

tured by Dassler. The decline of Adidas since the death of Dassler has been rapid. Under inefficient management, Dassler's four sisters, owners of one of the world's largest private com-panies with his son and daughter, were panicked into selling cheaply to Bernard Tapie. In barely two years, Tapie resold for a profit of

Johnson stays away from Games village

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN BARCELONA

on July 8 but has still not checked in to the Olympic village as part of the Canadian imur. The sprinter's where-

abouts is a mystery, particularly since there is speculation that he is again linked up with Charlie Francis, his former adviser, who was banned for life from holding an official coaching job in Canadian athletics. In 1989 Francis admitted that he provided Johnson with

Francis: interested

BEN Johnson arrived here banned substances and sometimes injected him be-fore the Seoul Games, where Johnson was stripped of his Olympic title and world record after testing positive for anabolic steroids.

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Johnson's one public ap-pearance in the last three weeks has been as part of the Canadian relay squad that ran on July 16 in the grand prix in Nice, setting Canadian record of 38.26sec A Canadian team spokes-

woman said: "Ben has not yet arrived in the village. Officially he does not have to present himself until next Wednesday, two days before his first event. We believe he is in Barcelona but we do not know where." Describing himself as an interested observer. Francis

predicted Johnson's times in each Olympic trials race to within 100th of a second. Among the drugs admin-istered to Johnson by Francis or Dr Jamie Astaphan was Human Growth Hormone, which still cannot be

identified with certainty by

laboratories.

Grown-ups happy taking a dip in the cash pool

EVERY year, it seems, swim-mers look older, which makes a nice change from policemen and tennis players. This is because they are older. The Olympic swimming events this year will feature real

The top swimmer at the last Olympics was Matt Biondi. who won five golds. He is back at the Games this time around: "Hopefully I will be able to walk away from the pool and I say I gave it my best shot." American swimmers always talk like that.

But the point is that Biondi is back. Older, more experienced, more grown-up. Mark back. The average age of the American men's swimming team was around 21 in Los Angeles and Seoul; this year it is 23.85. There is only one teenager in the men's squad.

Has swimming discovered some magic substance that wipes out teenage burn-out? Is there some glorious stuff that conquers the tedium of training for six hours every day? There most certainly is. Money, they call it.

The end of amateurism has changed the game completely. at least for the elite. Spitz had to leave his sport to cash in. These days, the organisation, US Swimming, pays its swim-mers. Biondi was also in-Spitz won his seven golds in mers. Biondi was also in-1972, and that was his last volved in a profitable series of Olympics. These days, they go match races, one on one, a

SIMON BARNES IN BARCELONAL

neat gimmick to make swim-He also promotes swim-

ming cozzies and mineral water and cool shades. This is not exactly new territory, but the difference is that Biondi can do it, rake in the lolly and stay in sport. Businessman, he describes himself proudly.

He was working well on the self-promotion yesterday, talk-ing to the press with the good manners and massive selfconfidence you always find in these college-educated profes-sional athletes. "I have a therapist, who has helped me a lot, mainly to keep a positive perspective.

He doesn't make a fortune. but certainly a good living. Say around \$200,000 a year. "In

the past, swimmers have been exhausted economically before they have been exhausted physically," he said. "There is a lot of money in the Olympic Games, and it is right that athletes get a part of it."

Words change their meanings as the world itself changes. These days, amateur means sloppy, half-baked, uncommitted. Professional means serious, effective, purposeful. Amateur is a gibe: professional is a compliment. It is very much a job. Swimming is what I do," Biondi can swimmer, won three golds

like any other professional, an athlete, a lawyer, a businessman."

Sport is changing even as we watch it. We have the craziness of the Dream Team, the American basketball millionaires, but sport after sport is undergoing a quieter revolution. Money is exploding into basketball: it has entered most other Olympic sports more slowly and subtly, but just as unstoppably. And money is the sort of stuff that changes everything it touches. Grownup swimmers is just the start of

Money is not compulsory: it is simply an available option.

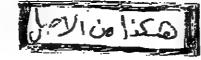
Janet Evans, another Ameri-

cent. "I just warmed to go back to school," she said. "I couldn't handle it at 15. I didn't cash in

handle it at 15.1 count cash in and I don't regret it one bit."

However, she too is back at the Olympics, and she may well feel different about the folly this time. Only may. "I just want to go out and swim," she said. "I don't ever want to have the attitude 'look at me'."

She talks about getting on with her life and getting her degree after the Games. "I'm going to take a break and think about things." But making a little money and staying in the sport are no longer mutually exclusive options. Swimming is a little bit saner and a little bit more grown-up



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The three Rs: readin', 'ritin' and rock

Caitlin Moran is

your average,

normal teenager educated at home, voracious reader. published author

at 17. OK, maybe she's more the

ideal teenager

aitlin Moran, aged 17 and a quarter, publishes her first book this week unusual in a world where the young are known more for their expertise with the spray-can than with the pen. But then she is a most unusual young woman.

I first met her when she was 12 and known as Tatty. Dillons bookshops ran an essay contest for young readers: the subject was Why Like Books, and most entrants began with pious statements such as "I have always loved reading. for as long as I can remember ... But not Tatty. Her essay was called: "Starting Me Reading — Who Dunnir?" "Of course it was all Mrs-Boden's fault. She was the first-year infant teacher who introduced me to the world of Jip, the Big Black Rat Eurekal I could read?

The judges, of whom I was one liked her quirky and original style and her enthusiasm for E. Nesbit and Jane Eyre and Ballet Shoes; Douglas Adams, Spike Milligan and The Naked Lunch. And where the entry form said "Name of school", she wrote: "I am educated at home by my mum."

The Morans, it transpired, had de-schooled their six children, which is all the more remarkable considering there are now eight young Morans living with their parents in a three-bedroom council house in Wolverhampton. Caltlin's novel. The Chronicles of Narmo (anag. Moran) follows the Narmo family's year from Christmas ("Twas two days after Christmas and all through the house, everyone. was bored, including the mouse ...") through Easter ("50p worth of chocolate in a cardboard box labelled 'Six pounds please, suckers'") wet caravan holidays, abor-

very well with under-13s. A bit embarrassing for her now. "it was a good book for a 13-yearold to write," she says, "but a strange one for a 17-year-old to

tive trips to the zoo. It is witty and

observant, if juvenile: it goes down

hen she won the essay contest in 1988, she arrived at the prizegiving at London University with her father, John, a musician (drums and keyboards). but she did all the talking, scarcely drawing breath. It was her first visit to London, and the first time she had ever been on a train. Her prize was £250 to spend on books: her towering pile included Maureen Lipman, Victoria Wood, Gerald Durrell, cartoons and guidebooks and a Cranks cookbook.

Had that day changed her life? Well, it made me think writing was a good thing. It was a good day out: you go on a train, you get interviewed in the paper, and you get a crap lunch of disgusting quiche, they should have shot the caterers," she says. "I thought, writing's for me. So I went home and carried on writing."

In the four years since, she has lost none of her confidence, grown prettier, gained two more siblings, and finished a manuscript weigh-ing about a ton which, initially, she sent to me. It was funny, but ten times too long and completely disorganised. I sent it to a publisher, who wanted to see her, but Mrs Moran was giving birth again and Tatty couldn't go. Instead, she got the Writers' and Artists' Yearbook from the library, and heeded its advice: "Send your manuscript to the publisher whose books you

enjoy reading."

Transworld, publishers of her hero Terry Pratchett, whose comic fantasies sell in the millions, summoned her at once. "They threw my manuscript down and said: We think it's great, but we want you to shorten it and give it a plot. So 1 shortened it, but didn't give it a plot: a compromise. The rest is

publishing history." The voice is Victoria Wood doing her adenoidal hairdresser act. Caitlin's tumbling hair is twisted into a topknot cleverly secured with two sharpened pencils. In her book. she is Morag, who is 15 and wants to be effortlessly famous; her atti-tude to life is "Sod that." The mother in the book is a former 1960s flower child ("wearer of the widest bell-bottoms in England" now Earth Mother extraordinaire, who decides to whisk her brood out of school because, "For the first 16 years of a child's life, it's shut in a building that's falling down, un-



. "I thought, writing's for me. So I went homeand carried on writing": Caitlin Moran on the impetus that winning a couple of young writers' competitions gave her muse

derstaffed, without even a bottle of milk and a soggy straw these days and then it has to write in books about dull things that have no dearing on life whatsoever

This is plainly based on Mrs Margaret Moran, who went to the Perse School in Cambridge and Sussex University, and later did a BEd at Wolverhampton poly, when the Morans joined Education Otherwise (for parents educating their children at home), and wrote her thesis about it.

"We just wanted our children with us. If they want certificates later, there's always the Open University," is the Morans' view. It was also a way of avoiding the hell of getting so many children off to school each day, a waste of time and energy. "Mum had to organise so many socks. "I told you to organise socks last night! Now you tell me you don't have socks!" There was always a navy knicker crisis, and the lunchboxes on Monday morning would still have Friday's Yo-yo wrapper and a bit of dingfilm in them, and where were the gymshoes?" is how Caitlin recalls the morning chaos.

Her mother is "a groovy person, who loves motherhood. She would hate doing anything else — she doesn't even like leaving the house. She was great at helping me to edit my stuff. I was so precious about every sentence — I slaved over that - and she'd go: 'Bollocks! Would you like it written on your grave? Supposing someone opened the book and read that sentence first

Take it out." As a family the Morans are straight out of a novel. The five daughters names all begin with C. the three boys names with J. Cartlin changed her name from Catherine, and pronounces it cor-rectly ("CAT-lin"). Her siblings are Caroline, 15, Claire, 12, John, 10, Corrin, 8, Cheryl, 5, Jim, 3, and cute little one-month-old Joe.

"We educated ourselves, really. My parents teach the younger ones to read and write, and how to use a

'Most people's education limits them to thinking of reading as something they do under duress. They wouldn't discuss books for pleasure' CAITLIN MORAN

telephone directory and stuff: after that it is up to you. You know where the library is, where the phone is, where books are, how to get information. So you just get on with the things you're interested in, and you're motivated, and don't waste time on things that are supposed to be good for you."

There is no formal pattern to their days: the children walk the dogs to the library and take out books on whatever they like gardening, physics, karate. Friendly school inspectors visit the house regularly, finding everything satisfactory — books in plenty, five computer terminals. When Caitlin was into calligraphy, one inspector sent her a handwritten letter telling her where to get quill pens and fine

parchment Without Bunsen burners, logarithms, or the confines of the national curriculum, Caitlin may have small Latin and less Greek, no French and just enough maths to add up a bill: but she is well-read, well-informed, agreeable, unaffected and can amuse adults. She has read a lot of extraneous rubbish about UFOs and satanic posses-sion, "But that was a childish interest: I soon grew out of it."

he studied alternative religions and approved of paganism: "If anyone kills in the name of religion it must be a bad idea. You don't kill for paganism, you just grow trees, which is groovy. The most danger-ous thing pagans do is take their clothes off in nippy weather."

As the eldest she was the only one who went all the way through Springdale Juniors before being de-schooled. She felt out of place there, being so bookish, but she especially loved Miss Gillian Anne Rowley, who taught her English and discouraged her from wanting to be an actress or a ballet dancer or Nancy in Swallows and Amazons. She must become a writer. So this book is dedicated to her — "I wish you could have seen this" — as Miss

THE . **VALERIE** GROVE INTERVIEW



Rowley died of breast cancer at the age of 34. "I still can't believe it. She was such a brilliant person." After her Dillons success she

went in for the Observer's Young Reporter of the Year and won that too. "You had to report on a news event that had happened locally. Most people wrote about a famous person visiting their town to open a fête. But I wrote about bathing the dogs in the style of a Kate Adie war report. They liked that." They asked for more. So she wrote about how impossible it is for teenagers to rebel any more, "because their parents have done it all before, and rock has been taken over by corporates and is too expensive, and drugs are adulterated, and sex

gives you Aids . . . "But the main thing is cash. Nobody I know of 16 to 18 has any cash. You've either got £7 a week child benefit if you're at school, or a YTS scheme, or a student loan, which you can't live off, and when you leave university you can't get a job and can't repay the loan and start your adult life in debt. This has all been said before. But none of my friends can even afford to take the bus or buy a 70p can of Coke. Commentators may mourn the death of rock 'n roll but that's

because nobody can afford to buy singles. So you tape it off the radio for free: what else can you do?"

Babysit? "In Wolverhampton", Caitlin says. "the first thing people give up is a night out - five quid for cinema tickets, five quid for the babysitter, two quid for a taxi, no wonder the city grinds to a halt at 11. This is my Ben Elton right-on social commentary - the nation encapsulated by Caitlin Moran aged 17 and a quarter . . . " I imagine this lively family of ten

in its three-bedroom house with small rooms and thin walls. Caitlin has a room of her own, just big enough for bed, stereo and table: the parents share their bedroom with the two youngest; John sleeps in the cubby hole under the stairs, behind a curtain that everyone uses as a towel: Caroline sleeps in the dining room. Life is noisy. Caitlin describes the shrieks and shouts last weekend as the young ones reenacted Batman Returns. She loves them all, even Claire, the raving beauty: "Looks like Elizabeth Taylor, the cow! I mean violet eyes and perfectly creamy skin and delicately arched eyebrows and thick glossy hair - yeuch! - and a perfect sense of humour as well, or I'd hate her.

s it possible to imagine leaving them for a solitary life? "Oh yeah, I can imagine anything — being a plague victim, anything." She would rather like to be able to play music or take a bath late at night without waking anyone. She longs to buy a huge house by the sea for the family, near miles of sand dunes and cliffs. If only some television company would buy her book for a sitcom: "I could easily write it: it's only 25 pages for a half-hour script unless you've got really complicated camera instructions.

Or if only her dad (who once worked with David Bowie, and met Jimi Hendrix) could get famous people to sing the brilliant songs he writes (latest titles "Riot City", and "Politics") he could earn millions. Maybe she should write "a megabuster with sex and shopping and lust and betrayal and thou sands of pounds in spinoffs." The advance on her book was \$1,800. "I bought a television set (we did have one once, but it had to go) and a stereo and car insurance, and that was a grand, just gone.

"But I have only my wits to live on," she breezes. Ned Sherrin's Loose Ends on Radio 4 gave her a guest critic spot; Channel 4 summoned her to review a pop video. "I was dead good at reading off autocue. They said: 'Have you done this before?' But I'd been waiting

ten years for that moment." She has also become a music writer for Melody Maker, which means free albums and meeting her favourite bands, "Oh wow oh wow." She is addicted to John Peel's programme on Radio I and Mark Raddiffe on Radio 5, who play alternative or indie (independent) music she tried to explain to

me the brilliance of bands called My Bloody Valentine, Levitation. Silverfish, Consolidated, Lush, Pavement, the Fall, Hole, the Cure. Curve. New Order. Sonic Youth. and the a-mazing things they do with guitar sounds. Sensing my ignorance she consolingly adds that the Beatles had produced some great stuff too. "and the Stones and the Animals, the Byrds and the Pretty Things, the Small Faces, the Troggs, the Inkspots . . . " Inkspots?

'Old people's music." she says. I was slightly depressed to hear that someone who is such a rare breed - an anachronistic bookworm - should have become the cliché pop-crazed teenager. But you

'My parents teach the younger ones to read and write, and how to use a telephone directory and stuff: after that it is up to you'

can still mention any book to her and get a sharp and knowing response: from Daisy Ashford's The Young Visiters ("A bit queasy: you know she spelt Visitors correctly but her editors said that didn't look naive enough?"; to the bestselling Gordon Burn novel Alma Cogan f'OK, but unconvincing"). Like Sue Townsend, Adrian Mole's creator and another autodidact, she was much influenced by Richmal Crompton: "I wanted to be Violet Elizabeth Bott with blonde curly hair and a frilly dress in gross polyester." Her latest passion is Thomas Hardy's Tess of the D'Urbervilles. recommended by her friend Matt, "who's only read about four books in his life"

s Derwent May wrote here on Monday. man beings are by no means natural readers". and bookshops are quiet. But it is the pleasures of reading that make people writers. And non-readers are dull boys, as Cantin has discovered: "You have an enjoyable evening with a boy, and meet the next day and you think, 'You can't talk, can you? You really cannot talk about anything!' I'm not being horrible, but most people's education limits them to thinking of reading as something they do under duress. They wouldn't ever discuss books for pleasure."

At the end of lunch she turns down coffee. "It's always a disappointment," she says. "It smells so lovely: if only they could get it to taste as good as it smells, by genetic engineering. Bacon's the same. A

constant tragic disappointment." She is writing another novel working title Kisses. Dreams and Amphetamines. "It's hardcore lyri-cal," she says. "It really is brilliant

even if I say so myself. The Chronicles of Narmo is published by Transworld (£7,99).

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Tomorrow the second of the Cleveland Orchestras concerts under Christoph von Dohnány offer, a more mainstream programme, with Schumann's Symphony No 4 and Mahler's Rückertheder (sung by Jose van Dami (sillowed by Beethoven's Fifth. Sunday brings the first of this year's operas at the Proms a semi-staged version of Glynoebourne's production of Tchaikovsky's opera, The Queen of Spades. An impressive cast includes Nancy Gustafson, Felicity Palmer and Serger Leiferhus, Andrew Daws conducts the London Philharmonic. Royal Albert Half, I.ensingston Gore, Landon SW7 (071-823 9938), tonight, omorrow, 7 30pm, Sun, 1pm terrorow, 7 supm, sun, 7 pm, 7

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BATMAN RETURNS (12), Quity but ho-num sequel best when the

CURRENT

NEW RELEASES

Faritacy, written for the Welsh Proms and premiered last year. On Sunday Hughes conducts an open-air concert at Tatton Park, Chestine featuring Walton's Henry V suite with fire Ravet. St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff. (0223) 371236, foreight, 7 30pm. Tarton Park, Knussford, Cheshire (Booking) 061-834 17721, Sun, site opens 6pm. concert begins at 8 15pm

CHICK COREA AND FRIENDS: After his well received concert with the elektric Band earlier in the year, King Corea is back for more fusion fun, this firms in an acoustic setting playing with Bob Berg (tenor sax), Eddie Gomez (double bash and Steve Gadd (drums) Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 7,30pm. ROYAL BALLET: Last opportunity to see the company's triple bill billering it sylphides, Ashton's lyncal A Month in the Country and MacMillan's raginme romp, Eine Syncopapons Royal Opera House, Covenz Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight,

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: An American celebration is the dheme for Sunday's open-air concert at the Crystal Palace Bowl (Sunday concerts by the RPO continue

THEATRE GUIDE

of theatre showing in London

in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of sexual repression. National (Lyttleiton), South Bank, SE1 (071-938 2252) Tonight, tomorrow; 7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2 15pm.

FINIADELPHIA, HERE I COMES: Affectionate comedy of an Insh emigrant and his carping after ego. Excellent revival of Brian Friel's

Trips success
Wynotham's, Channg Cross Road,
WY2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Fr, Spm,
Ser, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sar,
Spm. 120mms.

CI ROMEO AND JULIET: Michael

Majoney and Clare Holman in David Leveaux's fairly ondinary production. Barbican, 5th Street, EC2 (071-638 88911, Tonight, tomorrow, Mon-Thur 7 15pm, mais tomorrow, Thurs, 2pm 195mins

SIX DEGREES OF SH'ARATIONS

Stockard Charning recreates her role as the non New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guara's fine play

on human inter-dependence Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sal, Spm, mats Thurs, Jorn, Sal, 4pm, 90mms.

A SLIP OF THE TONGUE: A wolftst

L.I. A SUP OF THE TONGUE: A worlfsh rion Malkovich in a lightweight drama that seems to equate East-European dradence with getting girls into bed Shaffeesbury, Shaffesbury Avenue, WCZ, QCT-379 5399, Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fn, Spm and 9pm, Set, 4,30pm and 8,30pm 150mms.

W SOMECINE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, Hugh Quarshie and Stephen Rea as Berns hostages in Frank McGuinneas's new officers.

met Sat, 4pm, 140mms.

Alfred Molina and a supero Elven Attorn. Natts, squeaky-clean (ots and drops of

Jeremy Kingston's ass

■ House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

Cindenella. The humour tends towards the vulgar and the choreography lacks poetry, but some of David Walker's designs are pretty and this is still a ballet to take the kids to. Cindenella rurs until August 1, followed by Coppella from August 3 — Sestival Hall, South Bank, London SEI 1723-1018 98701, sensible tomorphis (071-928 8800), tonight, tomorrow, 7 30pm, mai tomorrow, 2-30pm, golden sun: a sweet holiday from the real world. With Lz Robertson and Christopher Cazenove Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC 1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm,

until the end of August). Conductor Stanley Black takes the orchestra drough excepts from West Side Story, Fanfare for the Common Man and An

American in Paris among others. Crystal Palace Bowl, Crystal Palace, London SE8 (Booking: 071-379

4444/081-313 05271, Sun, 7 30pm JULIAN ARGUELLES QUARTET: One

of the brightest young hopes of the European Jazz scene, saxophonist and composer Arguelles brings his fine modern Jazz outfit to Leicester It

features planist John Taylor, double bass

554854), tomorrow, 8pm.

MARIE PESTIVAL BALLET: 705 9 4

IMABUE FISTIVAL BALLET (his or a troupe of young dancers, formed by the choreographer David Slobaspycky after the fall of communism in Caechosforalisa. For their first visit to Britain they are bringing three of his works which celebrate the lives and feelings of the dancers in the new Europe. The music includes Handel, Barber, Nielben and traditional Morawan soms.

Moraven songs. Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (071-387 9629), Sun, Mon, 7, 30pm.

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CINDERELLA: English Nauonal Ballet opers is London season tonight presenting its new acquisition. Ben Stevenson's producion of Prokofiev's Cinderella. The humour tends toward the multiple and the developmental lark.

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Sat, Spm. 130mins.

C) THE VISTUOSO: Shadwell's Restoration comedy of bad behaviour in the home of a burntling savant, directed with verse by Phyllida Lloyd. The PR. Barboon Centre, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Tonight, comorrow, Mon-Thurs, 7,15pm, met tomorrow, Thurs, 2pm, 165mins.

EJ A WOLKAN OF NO DUPORTANCE Philip Provise's triumphant RSC production, John Carlste as a callous pristocrat în VVIIde's social melodram

laced with wit Theatre Royal, Haymarket, 5W1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mms.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

spotlight fails on Mikhelle Pfeiffer's electriying Calwoman, With Michael Kaarton, Damny DeVito; director, Tun Burron, Barbican 1071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Balker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Corbord Street 1071-796 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-2676) Screen on the Green 1071-226 3520) UCI Writzleys (071-792 3332). BELLE DE JOUR (18). Bohuel's 1967 dazar about the adventurous libido of a bourgeois wife (Cathenne Deneuve)

Cool and compelling in a sparking new print, Jean Sorel, Michel Piccoli Everyman (071-435 1525) MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470). THE BEST INTENTIONS (12) Ingriar

Bergman's fascinating tale of his parents turbulent courtship and marriage. Pull direction by Bille August; August, Samuel Fröleri Gate 1071-727 4043) Lumière 1071-

HOWARDS END (PG) Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding farmlies with different deals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter

Director, James Nory. Curson Mayfair (071-465 8865) Curson West End (071-439 4805). THE LOVER (18) Jean-Jacques THE LOYER (18): Mery lacquis
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autobiographical inovella about an
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792 33321. MY COUSIN VINNY (15): A novice lawyer detends a murder charge down South, Uncertain comic vehicle for Joe Pesci, bright support from Marca Torne, Fred Gwynne Director, Jonathan Lynn. Camden Parkway (171-267 7034) MOM Children (177-353 5096) MGM Mont Children (177-53) 2001 International Children Court Road (171-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914501) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ THE PLAYER 115): Dazzling siting on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer; plus cameas and walk-ons galore MGM Chelsea (071-352 3096)

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). works from Georgia and Islamic chants from Senegal was a characteris-VAN GOGH (12) Maunce Pialat's ware usuan (12) maurite Plaki 3 masterly, no-ronsense portrail of the painter's last months. Fine performance from singer-turned-actor lacques Dutronc. Remoir (071-837 8402) tically ambinous idea. forms into the concert hall is a delicate business. Some styles inevitably survive the journey better than others. The

THEATRE

Explorer travels far, but in vain

THIS may be the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas, but 1992 has not been Columbus's year. American Indians recently picketed a Florida exhibition which celebrated European exploration, yelling "Co-lumbus makes Hitler look like a juvenile delinquent." The US's National Council of Christian Churches proposed a period of mourning for descendants of the survivors of invasion, genocide, slavery, ecocide, and exploitation of the wealth of the land". Even British television has aired a play by Peter Barnes burlesquing Colum-

bus as a murderous, greedy goon. The American dramatist Richard Nelson also seeks to demythologise the great Genoese, but he does so in a more temperate manner. His Columbus is recognisably by the man who created Two Shakespearean Actors and Some Americans Abroad, other plays given their first outings by the Royal Shakespeare Company. A wry. watchful intelligence is always evident, but energy and momentum are mostly missing. It is as if one of nature's miniaturists had decided to paint a mural, and got his creative knickers

twisted in the process.

Jonathan Hyde's Columbus is first seen naked inside steel hoops, like Leonardo's Everyman. It is an awkward, incongruous image, but on two later occasions he speaks approvingly of the painter and is himself presumably meant to represent Renaissance restlessness. The point could be sharper, though. This is a Columbus who talks seldom about "ambition, curiosity and need" and shows those qualities

HEITOR VILLA-LOBOS, giant of

Brazilian music, hardly made it easy

for posterity to hear his vast output. In

the unlikely event of a harp, celesta.

flute and alto saxophone coming

together, for example, they find they

also need a female chorus if they are to

Similarly, the nine instrumentalists

who would play his innocuously-titled

Nonet of 1923 discover that this work

(described as nothing less than "a

rapid impression of all Brazil') actually

requires a 12-part chorus and a battery

Yet what a fabulous jungle of wild

effects and tangled syncopations it

turns out to be. And although the

Choros No 7 also springs a bizarre

instrumentation surprise (a concealed

tam-tam) this quirky piece captures like

a camera another side of Brazil: the

streets and their rhythms, thrusting

BEWARE the little guys: you bully

rest of their lives. The stamp was on the

meat the moment Francisco Franco

arrived at his military academy, where

his frailty made him a target of the

bullies and his lack of inches meant he

had to be issued with a cut-down rifle.

Myth was a fascinating account of the

Franco reality, a reality still not

accepted by many of the Spanish

dictator's admirers. Membership of

the EC, the hosting of the Olympics

and other manifestations of Spain's evolution from rebel state to dull

conformity have done nothing to

war is still often discussed in literary as

much as military terms, as befits a

conflict much written about, from both

Franco had the deadly combination

SPIRIT of the Earth is the all-

embracing title of Radio 3's latest

excursion into ethnic music, dance and

literature, a joint venture with the South Bank Centre and Sounds Like

Birmingham. A double-bill of choral

Transplanting these traditional

Twas ever thus. The Spanish civil

convert the hard core of admirers.

sides, not least by Hemingway.

Last night's Franco: Behind the

DULLY YOU IQI

of Brazilian percussion.

perform his Quartet (sic) of 1921.

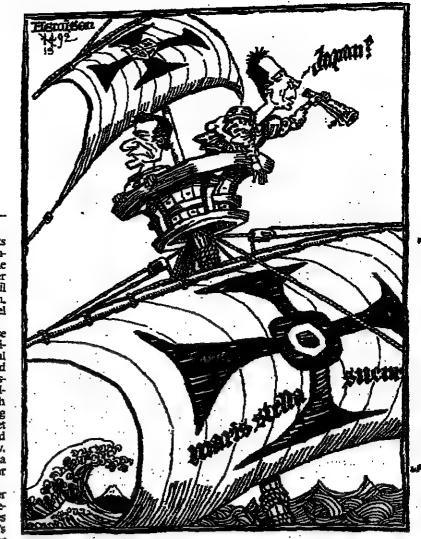
Columbus and the Discovery of Japan Barbican

even less frequently. Hyde fidgets about gesticulating, scratching him-self and exuding insecurity; but he lacks drive and charisma. I never believed he desperately wanted to sail to what he thought was eastern Japan. or that his monomania could compel others to follow.

As it is, Nelson and Hyde emphasise the character's snobbism and shiftiness. When he is appointed "Admiral of the Ocean Sea" by Ferdinand and Isabella he cruelly disowns his "peasant" mistress, Jane Gurnett's goodnatured Beatrice. He talks with contempt of the fishermen who beg him to take them on his voyage, yet ends up exploiting their credulity and their seamanship. In Nelson's view, the legend that Columbus was given a map of the Caribbean by a dying sailor

simply a self-serving lie. His hero is a fantasist and fibber who appals his crew with his incompetence and chances on the West Indies by sheer luck. Yet even Columbus's vanity has its decent side and (a major thread in Nelson's plot, this) leads him to save from death his old patron, Philip Voss's Pulgar, a Jew exiled by Torquemada's decree. It is a contradictory, uncategorisable sort of chap who ends up ironically enshrined as an

armour-plated statue on a plinth. This is no doubt a perfectly tenable



Fellow travellers: Pulgar (Philip Voss, left), a Jew exiled from Spain, is saved by Columbus (Jonathan Hyde). Drawing by Bill Hewison

view of the man; but it would not be weakened by a less prolix script or a less fussy production than John Caird's. Why trundle on taverns, bedrooms. ship's saloons, and a dozen other minisets? Chekhovian epic may be a paradoxical genre: it could be more

powerfully handled than this. BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

PROMS

Brazil 4, France 2

and danceable or languid and erotic. Nor do Villa-Lobos's most celebrat-

ed pieces - the Bachianas Brasi-

leints — conform to standard scorings. Most music-lovers know No 5, with the soprano's glorious vocalise winging its way over eight cellos, but to hear No 9 in its original (and very difficult) choral version is a rare treat. It is quasi-Bach with a swing, written years before the Swingle Singers do-be-do'd their first

All this was contained in an entranc-

ing late-night Prom by the ensemble-BBC PO/Tortelier, Lontano/Martinez Lontano, the BBC Singers and the so-Albert Hall prano Anne Daw

son, conducted by Odaline de la Martinez. If the "magic realism" of Latin America's literature has a musical equivalent, Villa-Lobos's wonderfully unpredictable transformations of folk material must be it. Now perhaps we will be allowed to hear his 12 symphonies, 17 string quartets, five piano concertos, three operas . . .

Before this Brazilian excursion came the BBC Philharmonic's passport to

keeping your head

down, and assisted

by arms from Hitler

and Mussolini,

France. Yan Pascai Tortelier conducted an early-evening Prom that included Ravel's La Valse, a sleep-walk into the "foret aromatique" of Henri Dutilieux's Baudelaire inspired Tout un monde lointain and a spirited swagger through Saint-Saëns's bombastic "Organ" Symphony, for which Ian Tracey had been summoned from the Liverpool Cathedral console to put the Albert Hall's 9,000 pipes through their elephantine paces.

despite much delicate solo work by the cellst Tim Hugh, who recovered admirably from a snapped string. This rarefied, flickering post-Debussy world may have seemed sophisticated when it was first heard, in 1970, but now one is struck by how little substance there is lying beneath its surface sheen.

RICHARD MORRISON

TELEVISION REVIEW

Dictating his fate

of military guile and political ambition. The former simply fed the latter. From

his power base as the military chief in Spanish Morocco (and later the Canaries) he hijacked the uprising against a dishevelled and incompetent republican government. His ascent to ultimate power was marked by a trick, his fellow generals drafting a statement putting him in control until the civil war is over". Twixt draft and public statement, that qualifying phrase dis-appeared. Backed by the Catholic

Church, that bastion of poor judgment

and source of expert knowledge on

Franco: Behind the Myth BBC 1

Franco took the reins of state. Once in control he was determined to ride into battle on the side of Hitler. But their meeting in 1940, at Hendaye on the French-Spanish border, was not a success. Franco kept Hitler waiting not all dictators make the trains run on time. Hitler felt that Franco could do him little good, though a Spanish division later fought alongside the Nazis on the Russian front.

During and after the war, Franco cleaned up opposition by placing its

members in concentration camps Toen be milien hower went to Madrid on the basis of the old Arab saying: the enemy of my enemy is my friend. Spain got dollars in return for American bases. Ike and Franco had in common a loathing of the communists, though ironically their alliance was rooted in Lenin: the

expediency of temporary alliances. The programme demonstrated that Franco was a ruthless man from way back Indeed, way back in Morocco, wounded in bartle, Franco was sold by a doctor that nothing could be done for him. Franco picked up a rifle and pointed it at the doctor, who rapidly offered a second opinion. The patient recovered, his country fell ill. But for those who played ball, it was a benign sickness and the pills were a pleasure to take. No wonder the effects linger.

PETER BARNARD

WORLD MUSIC

Sounds of devotion

performance of West. African praise songs, for instance, turned on a shared sense of religious fervour. Excluded from those beliefs, the audience at the Queen Elizabeth Hall could only look on benignly.

Georgia's Rustavi Choir are masters

of the region's polyphonic tradition: the 12-man ensemble performed devotional and secular pieces, humorous items juxtaposed with bloodcurdling funeral laments. Eastern and western

traditions collided as a muezzin-like

lead voice floated above chants that

resembled plainsong.

The sequence of Bengue Fallon songs which followed came swathed in the complex histers of the Baye Fall, a zealous Islamic sect of Senegal. After the multi-layered textures of the Georgians, the less varied brand of antiphony made fewer demands on the ear and this was a more theatrical ritual with the chanting accompanied by energetic percussion and dance.

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Neighbourhood watch, Delft pattern

London Galleries: Richard Cork on an opportunity to compare the skills of Vermeer and Pieter de Hooch

n an age of blockbuster surveys and wrist-snapping mega-catalogues, the small-ness of the National Gallery's Brief Encounters show is refreshing. By borrowing just one painting by Jan Vermeer from Amsterdam, and hanging it next to a closely related picture by Pieter de Hooch, Christopher Brown invites us to look with intensity at two of the most rewarding genre scenes from the great era of Dutch painting.

Abandoned after a recent vigorous sweeping, a broom lies on the floor of an impeccable courtyard in Delft. The cleaning enables de Hooch to define the patterned geometry of the flagstones with a clarity which Mondrian would surely have relished. But the courtyard is by no means oppressively tidy. The broom-handle stretches into a tangle of plants. And behind them, a ramshackle pole studded with nails provides support for a makeshift framework, where a plant spreads its leaves

By juxtaposing domestic order with modest outbreaks of unruly nature, de Hooch wins us over at once. The Courtyard of a House in Delft has a documentary directness. We find ourselves gazing, like privileged insiders, at a world normally withheld from anyone except those inside.

A young woman, who may be a maidservant, takes the hand of the girl in her charge. The child looks up at her guardian with trusting intimacy. While the woman clasps a bowl, the girl holds up her apron. They might both be carrying food for a pet, but the maidservant's care as she guides the child to the steps takes on a wider resonance. She seems to be encouraging the girl to leave the shelter of the house and explore the courtyard's openness.

Nothing is likely to disturb the child's equilibrium in this immaculate space, though. Hushed and empty, the courtyard is calm enough to induce a meditative mood. And as if to underline the contemplative serenity, de Hooch places above the arch a stone tablet from a suppressed Delft cloister. "This is in Saint Jerome's vale," runs the inscription, "if you wish to retire to a realm of patience and meekness. For we must first descend if we wish to be raised."



Contrasting views of life in the town in which they lived: Vermeer's Street in Delft (left) and De Hooch's The Courtyard of a House in Delft, both circa 1658

As if to declare the full extent of his involvement, he wrote his own initials and the painting's date on a stone at the base of the archway. They foster the notion that the artist himself witnessed this everyday moment in a town where he had lived for six years. Here he produced his finest work, based in the main on interiors of the houses of the prosperous citizens who gave him patronage.

By 1658; when this exceptional canvas was executed, he had also begun painting outdoor scenes. But the National Gallery picture contrasts the expansiveness of the courtyard with an enclosed passage inside. There another woman stands, staring at the sunlit street

She is probably the girl's mother and mistress of the house, for her stance hints at a certain proprietorial satisfaction. While the servant busies herself with the child, this ample figure takes time off to watch the world go by. She may be savouring a sense of contentment.

All the same, by directing her gaze outwards she is removing herself from the limits of her family context. She ponders, perhaps, the largely unfamiliar world beyond her well-scrubbed threshold.

Maybe de Hooch invested this enigmatic figure with a hint of the yearning which impelled him to leave Delft three years later. Amsterdam beckoned, with its greater opportunities for patronage.

But the move inaugurated a sad

decline in de Hooch's art, which grew less impressive as his ambitions expanded. He would have been better advised to stay in Delft and concentrate on refining the vision he had developed there, like his contemporary Vermeer. Only a few years younger, and a native of the town, Vermeer may well have been inspired to paint his surroundings by de Hooch's views. He probably executed the small Street

in Delft soon after 1658. But Vermeer's innate coolness ensures that he appraises the street and its inhabitants with the detachment of a stranger. He looks across at the houses from the other side of the street, and shows no interest in describing his figures' features. Everyone here is oblivious of the artist's presence. They seem embedded in their surroundings, and hardly more important to Vermeer than the dilapidated roof-tiles.

For all his apparent objectivity, he takes a quiet delight in depicting this mundane scene with formidable subtlety. Vermeer does not define everything as firmly as de Hooch. The cobbles are reduced to a series of brown wriggles. But from a distance, they look even more persuasive than de Hooch's carefully specified flagstones.

Vermeer is alive to the sensuous texture of everything he paints. Look at the encrusted density of the creeper, or the tiny smear of rust left by a metal ring on the white wall next to the sewing woman. The virtuosity of his brushmarks

are most evident in his handling of brickwork. De Hooch specifies each brick in the house, and his precision is satisfying to behold. But Vermeer opts for a loose, deftly applied shorthand, darting over the surface of the weathered walls with delicate white trails of thinned pigment. He makes this quicksilver play of paint enliven the façades with light

Although Vermeer may have relied on a camera obscura to arrive at his perspectival effects, the device did not turn him into a doggedly exact artist. No scientific appliances led him to set up a counterpoint between the closed black door and the open entrance beside it. Vermeer knew that, over and above their supreme command

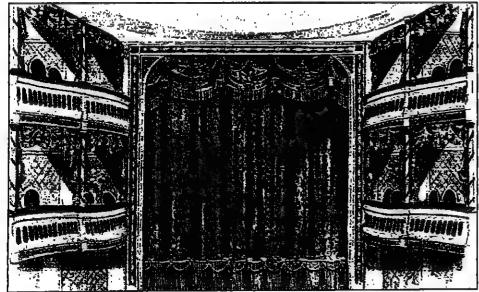
personal and mysterious. After a while, Street in Delft makes us acutely aware of the interiors lurking behind the shutters and delicately leaded windows punctuating the main frontage. Towards the top, one shutter is

of naturalism, his paintings were

missing. But Vermeer presents us with a tantalising black rectangle, emphasising the secrecy of the lives led within these shadowy, impenetrable chambers. They remain as unknowable as the artist himself. scrutinising from a distance and never letting the townsfolk become conscious of his incisive yet gently understanding gaze.

• Brief Encouniers at the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, SWI (07)-839 3321) until August 31.

Greene light in Piccadilly



As it was in 1884: a design board for the restoration of the Criterion Theatre stage

woman crusade to save British theatre. She has restored the Richmond Theatre in Surrey to its original. Frank Matcham splendour at a cost of £4.3 million, bringing it back into operation last October. (The English Shakespeare Company opened there last week.) Now she takes on

the West End. Greene has signed a 55-year contract to rent the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly Circus. She is going to renovate the theatre, which closed three years ago, and then run it, like Richmond, as a charitable trust. Kenneth Branagh is one of the new trustees, and Greene is hoping that his Renaissance Theatre Company will make the Criterion a

A 38-year-old former actress, whose father has been a partner in the Louis Michaels group of West End producers, Greene has given herself four months to restore the interior: the planned reopening is on October 21. So far she has raised less than half the £500,000 that the restoration will cost. "I found at Richmond that you quickly know who to ask, who is on your side; and I know we'll make

it," she says. Lawrence Llewellyn-Bowen. who worked on the Richmond Theatre with Carl Toms, is in charge of restoring the auditorium of the Criterion. The theatre, built in 1874, is a glorious survival of the West End's mid-Victorian golden

Having re-opened Richmond Theatre, Sally Greene tells

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Criterion plans age. According to John Earl, the theatre historian, its only architectural rivals among London theatres are the Old Vic and the Royal Opera House

Built as a theatre and restaurant by Thomas Verity, who altered the auditorium (the first to be built underground in London) ten years later, it has not been structurally changed since. The Criterion restaurant, next door, is under separate ownership now but is also being restored and re-opens in September.

he property company Mountleigh-Sogo owns a "ring-fenced" lease on the theatre. The company chose Greene in preference to at least four West End producers; they also turned down a scheme to put in a permanent laser light show, and another to create an upmarket strip-

tease joint. "I think they liked not only what I wanted to do with it (and I think the Crown Estates, which owns the freehold. were anxious to get it restored). but what I intend to put in it," Greene says. Her aim is for the Criterion to offer a West End stage to good, original drama

from the fringe and the re-gions. The lack of such a showcase is, according to some commentators, one reason why the West End is currently languishing in the doldrums. Ticket prices will be kept down at Greene's Criterion, with a top price of around £18.

She has recruited Bob Eady. formerly with Andrew Lloyd Webber's company and latterly with Biddy Hayward, as general manager. The first production is to be Making it Better, by James Saunders: well reviewed when it opened in Hampstead last January. yet never given the West End transfer it merited.

There are too many good plays which deserve a West End showing and would get an enthusiastic audience, but don't get the chance," Greene says. "We intend to give plays a four- or five-month limited West End airing. London's theatres are pretty dour at the moment, but I am not worrying about that. My view is that when you start at the bottom. the only way to go is up."

There will be a collaboration with Richmond, where new plays will have a week's run before switching to the Criterion. Greene hopes to open on Sundays with revue-type presentations, and plans late-night comedy during the week. Even films will be seen

"Doing Richmond was such a wonderful thing for me," she says. "The Criterion was an opportunity I could not let pass, and I am loving it."

GALLERY

• ANTHONY DEVAS: Devas was commissioned to paint two portraits of Tenby (Dyfed) residents, and for many years afterwards he, his family and friends spent summer holidays there. His wife Nicolette's "second father" Augustus John had been born there. The show evokes the Tenby scene with great vividness, and even more the atmosphere of the Devas circle, which included the families of Laurie Lee, John Ward, Norman Hepple and Dylan

Thomas. Tenby Museum and Picture Gallery, Castle Hill. Tenby (0834 842809). Daily 10am-6pm, until early October.

· LEE MILLER'S WAR: Surrealism flagged in the second world war because artists suddenly found that the world around them contained ready-made images more fantastic than they could ever invent. The photographer Lee Miller was famous for the surrealist images she pro-duced in the Thirties, when she was closely associated with Max Ernst, Man Ray and Cocteau. In the Forties she became a war correspondent. Also vast photoworks by Genevieve Cadieux, reassembling the human body to hallucinatory effect.

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The Yellow Salon of the British Embassy in Paris, decorated by David Milmaric in French rather than English style, using finely woven 18th-century damask, casement windows and parquet flooring



The dining room of Spencer House in London, where David Mlinaric, working on behalf of Lord Rothschild, uses heavy furniture. carpets and curtains in a quintessentially English style of decoration



A number of years ago, David Minanc, the doyen of British interior decorators, invited some friends to stay at his house in

Suffolk for the weekend. Having barely moved in. he had, among other makeshift pieces of furniture, a battered old

sofa in the drawing room.

On Friday afternoon, one of the sofa's legs disintegrated. Pragmatically, Mr Minaric propped it up with several books. "It's so interesting that you've done that," said one of the guests, a French dealer. on arrival. "If you were French, you would probably have had hysterics and cancelled the weekend."

In France, the story might illustrate the sang-froid of a notable British decorator. In England, it merely underlines our rather more nonchalant attitude to life, especially vis-d-vis the importance of interiors. "Shabby chic would never have become fashionable abroad." Mr Mlinaric says. "Certainly not in France. They love seeing it, but they don't want it themselves." Gallic style is essentially grand, formal and occasionally laboured. "In France, it would be unusual to find the children jumping on the sofa or a dog lying in front of the fire," Mr Mlinaric says.

Mr Mlinaric, who worked on the

British embassies in Washington, Brussels and Paris, has recently opened a shop (really more a studio) in Paris, to be headed by Tino Zervudachi, aged 28, his youngest partner. With more commissions in France, a berth on the other side of the Channel has become a necessity.

The fundamental disparity beween the cultures of England and France lies in architecture," Mr Mlinaric says. "Derived directly from Rome, French architecture is academic, sophisticated, concerned with correctness and detail. While I love the English country house. architecturally speaking it is often quite amateur, with obvious excep-tions like Chatsworth and Blen-

Added to that, the English country house has habitually had wings or rooms grafted on by succeeding generations, making it invariably less homogeneous than its French equivalent. But then. Britain is a nation devoted to its past.

Cut off from the Continent, far from the roots of classicism, the

June Ducas reports on la différence in French and English

English architect who went on a grand tour in the 17th or 18th century returned with sketchbooks full of minutiae, only to interpret them with poetic licence.

interior design

The resulting palaces and grand houses were idiosyncratic translations of classical architecture, built to suit an island people in love with its countryside. "The English are totally confident when they are dealing with landscapes and gar-dens. It is a sort of paradox, the formal house and an informal landscape; and the latter is often the hetter." Mr Mlinaric says. "Stripped of their contents, our houses aren't always marvellous. That is why it is so important not to dissipate our family collections."

British country homes have consistently been lived in, and this shows in the warmth expressed within them. The British ruling classes always preferred their country pursuits to their capital city. While the British aristocracy generally waited for the monarch of the day to "make a progress" round his kingdom, the French nobles abandoned their houses in the country for the royal court, with its hierarchy and stringent etiquette.

Traditionally, the French chateau had enfilades, (series of interconnecting rooms affording continuous passage) and double doors (usually set centrally) to allow a prince, a duke, or better still the sovereign to make a magnificent entrance. "In England this was unimportant. So quite commonly a door to a very grand room is on one side." Mr Mlinaric says.

After the framework of the building, the alignment of furniture logically follows. "French classical decoration is the most complicated of all, at times excessive, yet superbly disciplined," Mr Mlinaric says. "And the paintings, sculp-tures, chairs, tables, cabinets and so on, all combine to make a

Harmony, balance and order are cardinal virtues to the French. Unlike in England, where the fireplace is the focal point, in France chairs (frequently upright, to the English uncomfortably prop-

er) and canapés (sofas) were arranged strictly around the room. nearly always in pairs. This dates back to the days of the salon when fashionable society gathered for witty conversation. "French behaviour patterns are different. They don't lounge around like the English. Even if they are amused by our eccentrics, they don't like to feel weird themselves," Mr Mlinaric says. In fact, if everything is not comme il faut the French are

thoroughly uneasy. The reverse is true of the British. who are happiest if things are higgledy-piggledy. "Drawing rooms are arranged informally in England so that you can do anything you care to." Mr Zervudachi says. "You can sit curled up on the sola reading a book, watch television in one corner, have a chat to a friend in another, or write a letter in isolation. French people would think it rude to be doing those things in

For the British, comfort in every room is the top priority, from deep-seated, sprung sofas and arm-chairs, piled with cushions filled with feather and down, (the French prefer stiff webbing or horse hair). to heavily lined curtains in damasks and velvets pulled across shuttered windows to keep the cold out, with fitted pile carpets or rugs covering the floor.

Partly because of the climate, the French prefer the cool bareness of stone or parquet floors. Shutters were for security, and flimsy curtains merely to diffuse the glare of the sun. French colours are colden

white, gold and French grey.

"The quintessential English look is all about creating an atmo-sphere," Mr Zervudachi says. "The French are inclined to be tyrannised by their surroundings, intent on perfection — down to the last twist of twine in a tassel. There comes a point when the English say, 'that will do'."



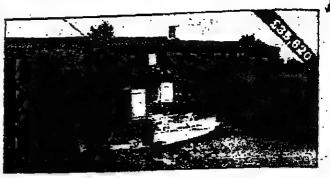
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similar sum (E35,000, excluding agency and notary fee A will pay for this restored stone house (above), with its distinctive square pigeonnier (dovecos), in a peaceful hamlet a few miles from Caussade, in the Aveyron. Toulouse airport is an hour and a half away by road; Calais is about 12 hours.

The ground floor comprises a large living room, with exposed stone walls and a corner kitchen, a shower-room/WC and a bedroom. There is a second bedroom on the first floor, and a third in the attached dovecot sower.

The UK agent is Sifex, Phoenix House, 86 Fulham High



L'uriher north, in Normandy, this attractive stone presbytery (above) in a rural sessing not far from the old town of Sourdeval, is yours for £38,000 (including agency fees). The Normandie-Maine Regional Park is a few miles south, and the

Normandie-Maine Regional Park is a rew must scalin, and the ferry port of Caen can be reached by car in about an hour.

The property has been fully renovated but access refecting inside. It has two reception rooms, with exposed beams, open fireplaces and terracotal tiled floors; a part-fined kitchen, WC, utility room and beam asset. The first floor has five bedrooms, a bathroom and WC. The house has a stone walled garden.

The UK agent is Normandy & Brittany Cottages, 62 Chesson Pond 1 condens Will 171 281 44 231 Road, London, W24 (071 381 4433).

CHERYL TAYLOR

La jolie fille strikes a blow for feminism

he swimming pool was nearly finished. In fact, it was finished, apart from some tiling round the edge. I was inordinately proud of this pool in the Gascon countryside. Miore, even, than the farminouse, it was escapism personified.

Sally, my daughter, materialised beside me to do what all teenage daughters manage to do - confuse the issue. "Dad." she said, in a tone that signified that a request was on the way. "Tomorrow, I want to go swimming." I indicated the cool, clear water before us. "Be

my guest." I said. That was not what she wanted to hear. Linus. my son, interrupted: "It's the Acua Loisirs at Moirax. There's slides and a wave machine." My wife, Mary, was enthusiastic "We could make a day of it."

The Aqua Loisirs was a grand affair — a staircase of pools built into the hillside. The place was crowded and there was a queue of people waiting to hurl themselves down a vertiginous slide.

l offered to guard our pos-sessions and must have dropped off, for my next mem-



WHEN IN FRANCE

of failing in my duty as a father. "Look over there, by the poolside." I focused on my 14year-old daughter. She was sitting on a bench with a boy on each side. The boys, black haired with gleaming white

ory was of Mary accusing me strictly necessary for polite conversation, but otherwise I could see nothing amiss. "You should have been was

ching a moment ago." said Mary. "One put his hand on her knee. And the other was trying to kiss her." She paused for me to register horror, then

went on: "Well, what are you going to do about it?" i confessed to an overwhelming urge to go home.

"I see ... well ... in that case ... " She marched off towards the boys. The confrontation was brief and conclusive. "Bonjour," said Mary in her most authoritative tone. "Je suis la belle mère de Sally."

"Why did you do that?" wailed Sally after the two boys had slunk away. "I was just beginning to enjoy myself." We did not understand the French youth, we were told.

"They just try it on. The girls don't take it seriously." "And if we did," Sally added. "They wouldn't know what to do."

Later, I had a quiet word with Linus. "Call me old-fashioned. But what happened to feminism? I thought the girls of today didn't like being treated as sex objects."
"Maybe it was the boys who

were the sex objects." "That's a pretty advanced view of feminism." Not when you

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Discord among the music therapists

If gentle harmony really does help to soothe the savage. breast, why are the consultants playing different tunes?

Victoria McKee

reports

ound and fury are growing over the subject of music therapy, sometimes used by doctors and psychiatrists to help soothe their patients. Consultants who work mostly with the voice disparage those who rely on instruments, and those who treat people with serious disabilities dismiss colleagues who sell their services to jaded City types. According to Diana Asbridge.

the administrator of the Association of Professional Music Therapists. music can help with relaxation and self-expression, or supplement conventional therapies.

And Gary Ansdell, a music therapist at the Marylebone music therapy centre, says: "People are referred to us from doctors in NHS practices, from autistic children to adults with chronic diseases such as cancer." But, he adds, "we do not see music as a therapy that will cure someone who is ill. We work with the part of the patient that is well. It can quicken people — quicken in the ancient sense of making them feel more alive — and make them feel creative and different".

The essence of music therapy, he adds, "is to help people to create their own music. It does not involve passively listening to music. It is an active expression".

Music therapists who are members of Mrs Asbridge's association, or who work at the Marylebone Music Therapy Centre, are all qualified with a degree in music or in education or psychology and have attended a postgraduate music therapy course at one of the approved centres, such as the Nordoff Robbins music therapy Centre or the Guildhall school of music and drama.

But there are numerous "New Age" sound and voice therapists who claim even more dramatic results. Jill Purce, for example, is known, her publicity reads, for her pioneering work in the spiritual and healing dimension of sound and music. Music, she says, is a land of bridge between the material and spiritual world," and "the voice is the most powerful bridge".

She is less enthusiastic about the flute playing therapy of Tim-Wheater, a former musician with



All together now: the brass ensemble at St Mary's Hall school in Brighton — but according to one expert "in the wrong hands, music can be very dangerous. It can cause all sorts of mood changes

woman" Denise Linn. Ms Purce teaches a form of Mongolian chanting only done in central Asia. You chant on one note and change the shape of the resonant cavities of the mouth to produce harmonies," she demonstrates. "Our voices tend to be higher than they should be because the vocal cords are tense and tightened," she says in a deep. slightly husky voice. People's speaking voices deepen after coming to me - no, not in the way Mrs Thatcher's did. With me you find vous natural voice."

Ms Purce says that the chants sheteaches help you to tune into yourself. In traditional societies people would sing with their families and would be in tune with their families who would be in tune with their villages. We have lost touch with that. The reason for the meteoric rise in popularity of severe back nain.

people are desperate to sing and don't realise it." David Baines, an industrial instrument design engineer, attended a residential workshop with Ms Purce in Devon. "It has increased my well-being and charisma," he asserts. "I've been meditating for 13 years, since I was working in the oil industry in Aberdeen, and I hope that this will massage and fine tune my body and my mind. I'm planning to take my wife Joan along to Jill's next

workshop." Ms Purce -- who runs weekend Sound in Mind and Body workshops monthly at Regent's College in London for £75 (non residential). claims to help people "with ME, headaches and bodily pain of all kinds" - although she was seemingly unable to help herself when 1 spoke to her, being laid up with

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and the average age at

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and 65. It is one of the

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in the Bishop's palace

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tralian "ex-monk, rock singer and martial arts expert", who offers workshops that help you to "discover you natural voice" and "sing your stress away", says he has been collecting letters from grateful disci-"people who say their migraines have gone and their

r James is enthusiasac about the benefits of singing. He even recommends singing in the bath and insists that friends and neighbours will be delighted, never annoyed, by your vocalising once you have discovered your "pure tone".

The pure tone principle he preaches "is much more than breathing, it's when you develop a real understanding of resonance. It

cadence drumming, which is quite common".

Mr James's countrywoman, Linda Muddiman, uses her body as the main vessel through which "the earthy vibrations of the ancient didgeridoo, drum and flute" are played - yet another variation on

Clearly there is considerable lack of harmony in the music therapy

Mr Ansdell, of the Marylebone music therapy unit, says: "'Sound' is the juggernaut going along the Marylebone Road. The whole approach to music therapy is using sound in a meaningful context. There are a lot of people doing these so-called New Age sound therapies in a way that is not very

Michael Endicott, of the Institute ies bevond 60-beat-a-minute for Complementary Medicine. of American Indian "medicine karaoke in our society is because Chris James, the ebullient Aus-heartbeat therapy, or the use of warms: "In the wrong hands music land, because he feels it is so

therapy can be very dangerous. It can cause all sorts of mood changes." The ICM has had so many approaches from various types of music therapists that it is in the process of considering. Mr Endicott says, "whether to create separate sections of our British register of practitioners for voice therapy, sound therapy and music therapy. We shall be looking at the whole lot of them".

increasingly, as "alternative" therapies of all sorts are becoming complementary to conventional medicine, there is a recognition that music may have the power to

Dr Michael Swallow, until his retirement a consultant neurologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, where he still conducts the choir, has recently set up a "music therapy service" in Northern Ire-

be restoring damaged neuronal connections - but I don't think anybody is making that claim," he says. "Mostly, it just improves

important. "We have four trained

therapists helping children with

learning difficulties and multiple

handicaps, adults with acute men-

tal illness and elderly patients with

cial to do in helping people with

Parkinson's disease," he has found.

"Their movement can be

normalised through music. I am

convinced it is a valuable tool for all

impossible that music therapy may

"Theoretically, I don't think it is

Music has something very spe-

dementia," he says.

sorts of disabilities.

communication. It can be used to draw out emotional feelings in those who can't express them, and as a great relaxation — and that has ● Times Newspapers Ltd 1992

Looking out for bowel trouble

LAST week when all the papers were carrying stories of the Pope's troubles, an octogenarian woman of the type made famous by Sir Osbert Lancaster's cartoons of Maudie Littlehampton leant over a chemist's counter and I heard her whisper to the pharmacist, "Not bad. Eighty-one and this is the first time I've ever needed a laxative." It would be encouraging to report that her shy boast immediately rang alarm bells and she was advised to see a doctor, but instead she was given a bottle of liquid paraffin and strode out into the London sun.
It is difficult to believe that any

patient could harbour a tumour the size of an orange in a narrow section of the lower bowel without experiencing any symptoms. The Pope, who had just such a growth, was finally driven to seek medical advice by the pain he experienced. usually a late symptom and one which if the polyp had been more malignant would have been very

Soft cheese off the menu

EDWINA CURRIE would appear to have sacrificed her ministerial life in vain. Recent figures show that the overall number of all forms of food poisoning is 25 per cent higher than last year, and that those due to the strains of salmonella usually found in eggs or chicken meat have increased by 88 per cent in the past 12 months.

Mrs Currie is showing an interest in European politics but she should beware as the French have their food problems too. No sooner had the British Medical Journal published a report on Listerosis which implied that although British standards of hygiene were improving this did not necessarily apply to continental food, than the Foreign Office issued a warning to the eight million Britons who visit France annually. It seems that locally made French pâté may be delicious, and that the soft cheeses such as camembert, brie and roquefort may smell enticing enough to tempt a prince (the Prince of Wales is a great advocate of French cheeses), but they have

killed 29 people in France this year. The odd feature of Listerosis poisoning is not how common it is but how rare given that the organism responsible. Listeria monocytogenes, is found in over 50

, worrying. For when patients wait until pain is an important factor the growth is usually large and so well established that surgery is less likely to be successful. Usually patients are aware that all is not well with their colon when they notice bleeding on going to the lavatory (both polyps and cancers bleed easily), a change in their bowel habits, or that they are passing quantities of mucus

Polyps in the colon are comparatively common but as many are pre-malignant and will undergo cancerous change if allowed to grow to any size they should be temoved at the first opportunity. Tumours of the colon, benign or

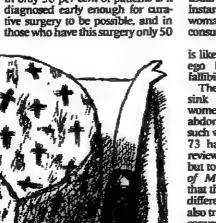
malignant, can affect patients of either sex from any background and at any age; but males are



as well as a genetic

patients a year in the United Kingdom, second only to cancer of the lung as a cause of death from malignancy. The tragedy is that although it is a potentially curable disease it is often detected too late: in only 50 per cent of patients is it

predisposition is an important factor in their Cancer of the large bowel and rectum kills 16,000



common species of mammals, many of them domestic animals, and 20 species of birds and fish. Even so, it is only rarely found in large enough concentrations in food to cause disease. It can, and occasionally does, kill otherwise healthy young people but the risk is so small that dinner at Highgrove

Those at most risk of serious illness from Listeria are young children, the elderly, those who are taking immunosuppressant drugs including steroids, and above all pregnant women who may not only catch the disease themselves but transmit it to their babies.

Sunk without solution

DOCTORS used to hide their feelings about irritating patients even from their colleagues, but now the medical journals are full of reports of "heart sink" patients.

Heart sink patients are those who lower the spirits of the jolliest doctor when they come into the consulting rooms. Doctors like to have their morale boosted by seeing the patients they treat improve, hence any patient who starts with the words "no better, doctor,"

which is considered a cure. If the situation is to change, doctors as well as their patients must develop a greater degree of suspicion and must be prepared to ask peers and prelates as well as lesser mortals embarrassing questions about bowel function; and they must be prepared to dismiss all pleas that it "only my piles" or "some constipation is to be expected in old

Bleeding piles can all too easily disguise a co-existent turnour and anybody with piles needs periodic examinations to exclude other diseases. A survey from Bristol Royal Infirmary published this week shows that only 40 per cent of men and 30 per cent of women have their bowels opened daily; but even if a daily habit is not for the majority, any change in a person's usual pattern of behaviour, as for instance in the Knightsbridge woman's case, signals the need for consultation and investigations.

is likely to dent, if not break, their ego by demonstrating medical fallibility and impotence.

The latest discussion on heart sink patients concerns those women who have unexplained abdominal pain. One group of 20 such women aged between 26 and 73 have had their case histories reviewed. The doctors tried hard but to no avail; the British Journal of Medical Economics reported that the 20 saw between them 142 different doctors; 40 per cent had also tried alternative medicine. The conventional doctors had performed hysterectomies on 14 of the 20, had taken the gall bladder out of three and the appendix out of another three, and had carried out 148 other investigations or surgical procedures. The women still had the pain despite the surgery and the doctors, to get their own back, had labelled them heart sink patients. It is to be hoped that the 14 who

had the useless hysterectomies, as they proved to be, were offered hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Patients who have an early hysterectomy, even if the ovaries are not removed, are at risk of suffering all the menopausal symptoms early, including that of heart disease. Recent research from St Mary's Hospital, London, has shown that the standard dose of HRT, and the usual preparations of it, may be inadequate for the younger woman who has had a

S imon Kay was inspired to become a hand surgeon after he needed surgery on a hand as a child. Despite a series of operations, the finger he had injured was never very useful again, and he finally had it amoutated. Now he is leading a surgical team in Leeds in pioneering a programme to help children without fingers, by removing toes and

transplanting them on to the hand. Mr Kay, a consultant surgeon. and his colleagues at St James's University hospital. have successfully transplanted a total of 32 toes, on to 22 patients, with a 100 per cent success rate. At the same time the team has developed a counselling procedure to help parents make the difficult decision whether to go ahead with the operation. Some choose not to, seeing it as further mutilation of their child.

Mr Kay told this month's meeting of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons in Glasgow of the results achieved at St James's. Because the toe is re-attached to the person from whom it is taken, there are no problems of rejection and the surgery amounts to the careful reconnection of blood vessels and

Usually, the second toe is used to create a replica thumb - "by far the most versatile digit", Mr Kay says. A single finger and a thumb enable the patient to grip objects. The technique is possible whenever the machinery for operating the fingers, which is in the forearms, remains intact. This is the case in some congenital conditions, and when a normal hand has been damaged by injury or severe burns. We connect up the artery that feeds the finger, the vein that drains it, and the tendons that control it and it functions," Mr Kay says.

The result is never a beautiful hand: some children, he admits, can be left with a hand that looks a little like a lobster's claw. At Leeds the results are assessed by an independent panel, which has generally concluded that the hand after the operation looks slightly better than it did before. In any case, most people are more concerned with function than appearance.

Mr Kay quotes the case of an eight-year-old girl who had only one finger on one hand. By transplanting a toe she was provided with a thumb, and within months was able to dress herself for the first time. "She is very pleased about it, extremely positive," he says, "but she still has to go through the awkward period of adoles-

A transplanted toe will not, of

Offering the hand of help

An operation to

create "new"

fingers for children is posing

ethical dilemmas

course, turn into a finger. Its length will be the same as if it were still attached to the foot, though it is likely to become stronger through "You will never get quite the same function as a finger, but you do get movement and sensation, so that you can grasp as well as pinch," he says.

The effect on the foot is less drastic than might be expected. The toe is removed so neatly that at a casual glance its absence is barely noticeable. Some of Mr Kay's patients wear open-toed sandals and nobody notices they are a toe

Technically, Mr Kay is now sure that he can do the job. The more

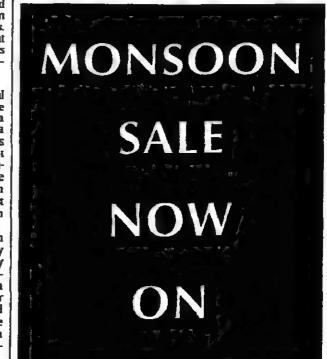
difficult question, he says, is whether it should be done at all, and assessing the results afterwards in a calm and detached spirit.

A key member of the team is Eileen Bradbury, a psychologist who counsels parents. "It's a very difficult decision for them," she says, "unlike any decision they have made before. They are often very upset about the child, and worried at the thought of an operation. I show them pictures and videos, explain the procedure, so that when they see the doctors they already understand. They are always discouraged from making an immedi-

Some parents say that their children have no problem getting along with only one functioning hand. For babies, this is true: "Up to the age of three or four, they can achieve as much as any child. But when they come to riding bikes, dressing themselves, feeding themselves, then the difficulties begin. Mr Kay says. Perhaps it is his own childhood

experience which makes him reluctant to claim huge success for his techniques. "We shan't really know we are helping these children until they grow up and we can ask them," he says. "Everyone is impressed by a rechnical achievement. but it will be many years before we know if it is the right thing to have

NIGEL HAWKES



A quarter of a century since the 'legalise cannabis'

advertisement. Release has started a new campaign. Nicola Murphy reports

sands protested against drugs laws in Hyde Park. On July 24 The Times once again sent blood pres-

Twenty-five years later, using cannabis remains illegal. The prorests failed, but the protesters are still with us. Last week an alterna-tive "White Paper" called for the legalisation of cannabis and, in time, all drugs. Today The Times hind both actions is Release, the drugs and legal advice service. Release first stepped out of a cloud of pot proferring "bust cards", which offered legal advice,

at that Hyde Park rally. At that time too much affection for cannabis could lead to ten years in prison and a £1,000 fine, the maximum

penalty for possession. The founder

of Release, Caroline Coon, was a

drugs if you were white and employed," she says. "I came from

a background of inherited wealth

and a belief in British justice. My

lover was black and working class.

He was given three years for 0.0

whatever grams of cannabis. It was

Wandsworth prison when Jagger

was arrested. "Police focus had

shifted to the hippy and counter

culture but these people were more

vocal and more powerful than they

ever realised," Ms Coon says. At

Ms Coon was visiting her lover in

"Until 1967 you were free to take

19-year-old art student.

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The butterfly speaks: Mick Jagger faces William Rees-Moog, the Editor of The Times, on World in Action in the summer of 1967. The programme was delayed by 90 minutes for the interview

Harris, a 19-year-old art-school dropout. Under the wings of Eros they founded Release.

They were very courageous and took up causes which you could get personally attacked for," says Anthony Scrivener, a former chairman of the Bar Council, who, for many years has acted for the charity. "Release were outrageous because they were saying that the police harassed young people, and that the drug laws were wrong."

"Release made the distinction between dangerous drugs and carnabis, which was dangerous because it was illegal and getting caught could ruin your life," Ms Coon says. "Our drugs policy was very simple," says Mr Harris, now legal practitioner in Brighton. "Criminal sanctions were counter-

There were 2,393 convictions for cannabis in Britain in 1967, according to the 1968 government report to the UN. By 1984 the British Journal of Addiction put total convictions at 20,529. Last year the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependency's (ISDD) national audit of drug misuse statistics (from the Home Office) for 1990, stated that cannabis was responsible for 80-90 per cent of all drug seizures and convictions, involving 40,200 offenders, 44 per cent of whom were not prosecuted. It was also calculated that 1,300,000 people use cannabis in any year as a

After the publisher Antony Cheetham, then working at Sphere, published the Release Report in 1968, citing case after case

mild intoxicant or relaxant.

what we have printed is minor compared to the corruption that we know and can prove happens within the police," she says.

The police drove her home from Scotland Yard in a limousine. Then she rang up the late Baroness Wooton and William Deedes, editor of The Daily Telegraph. "I always went to the top," she says. "One minute they'd glower, the next be giving me sherry."

n 1970 the White Panther/ Yippie movement staged a sit-in, saying "Give Release back to the people". Ms Coon gave them the keys and told them to get on with it. Within a day they'd asked her back.

Neither Ms Coon's much discussed beauty nor her arguments. however, succeeded in changing the drugs laws. Baroness Wootton was equally unsuccessful. In 1969.

after two years of research, the Wootton report recommended changes in the law, but the Home Secretary. James Callaghan, was not impressed.

In what marked the beginning of

a series of paradoxical moves, the government gave Release charite-ble status. This was engineered through the work of Diana Melly, married to George Melly, who worked for Release from 1970 to 1973. "I had the contacts through George, and by getting famous, eminent and respectable names involved, such as Jagger, David Hockney and Jonathan Miller, we succeeded in getting Release charitable status. That then enabled the Home Office to give them fund-ing." Of the charity's present

£250,000 annual income, 60 per cent comes from the government. By the mid-1970s the times, and Ms Coon, had moved on. Ms Coon

JAGUAR & DADMLER

became a writer and painter. The one time manager of the Clash, she wrote a book on punk and today

earns her living as a painter.
"After Release lost their charismatic leaders in the mid-1970s and thus their glamour, they entered a phase as a collective," says Denis Muirhead, a solicitor who began working for Release in 1967 and who is now the chair of the ISDD. The organization became wrapped up in internal politics, so much so that in the early 1980s its. funds were briefly out off."

Founded to deal with cannabis arrests, Release had expanded into an advisory service dealing with everything from pregnancy to squatting, from foreign arrests to psychiatric problems. It had lost its voice, profile and direction.

Under Mr Goodman's predecessor, Jane Goodsir, who was director. from 1985 to 1991, Release found

z new identity. It began to operate on a national scale, going out to the market place and counselling at needle exchanges and drug units. "Release pioneered law centres

and 24-hour phone lines. It was the first organisation to volunteer specialists, and to mobilise so-called drop-outs," says Stephen Gilchrist the chairman of the Legal Aid Practitioners Group. "Now they are the specialists in the law."

Release headquarters now are in Old Street, London, in a chic office whirring and beeping with modern technology. The poster of the Queen with a joint inked between her lips has long gone. There is not the slightest hint of hippy about the vocal and impassioned Mr Goodman. The former leader of Hammersmith and Fulham council is determined to put Release back on the campaigning trail:

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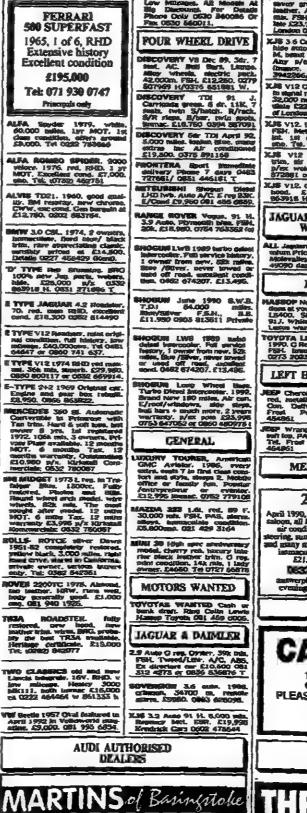
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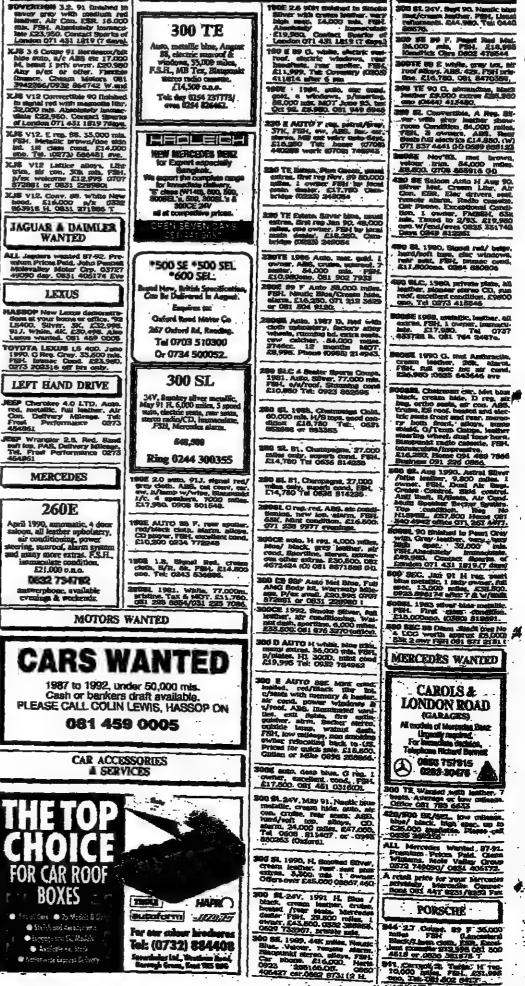


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Rover finally best of breed

After years of failure, the famous British marque has come up with a champion luxury car. Kevin Eason drove it

he transformation of Rover from beleaguered national-ised corporation into manufacturer of style and potential has been remarkable. Reporting on the fortunes of the old BL conglomerate, the predecessor of the present Rover Group, was like trying to use a bowl of water to put out a

All around new blazes kept breaking out. The business was too big, too inefficient and riddled with the sort of labour problems that brought Britain its bad name in the 1970s.

There were often potentially good products but they were badly made and unreliable to the point where even the most dogged "buy British" supporter would have despaired.

Linking up with Honda was probably the best thing the company could have done. In spite of fears of a Japanese takover. Rover was able to learn a great deal about manufacturing and assembly.

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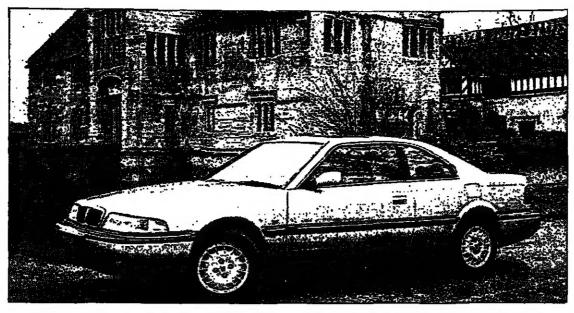
this week saw the opening of a £200 million factory at Cowley, Oxford. Cowley will make the 800 series

and the new mid-range Synchro saloon, due for manufacture later this year, side-by-side on the same production line. The benefit is not just low cost manufacturing but also increased quality control, with each assembly line station checking its

The benefits are being reflected in sales figures which this year put the Rover 800 in front of rivals such as the Ford Granada, Vauxhall Carlton and Renault 25.

The 800, with its new grille, looks better and drives better but, more importantly, also feels better. The new Coupé, the flagship of the range, is the car the Americans demanded but never got. Last year, Rover abandoned its efforts to sell the 800, badged in the US as the Sterling, as the car simply could not compete with Japanese and European rivals. The car was too small, too bland and never won any prizes for its quality while the dealers over there cried out for an exceptional-looking coupé which would attract new customers.

They lost out ... but we gained the new Coupé. Rover executives maintained the programme as part of the Cowley expansion and thank goodness they did, for now Britain has an imposing luxury car as good as anything on the market.



Lovely lines of a thoroughbred: the Rover 800 Coupé has the performance to match its stylishness

The first noticeable asset of the Coupé is its good looks. Long and imposing, the car looks as though it means business. The interior is sumptuous with its walnut fascia and door trims and hand-sewn leather upholstery, plenty of legroom and

cavernous book Gone are the BL days when Britain's major home-based manufacturer was a maker of cheerful runabouts. The handbook for the Rover Coupé is now a handsome. gold-embossed booklet in a leather wallet, underlining the feeling that the driver is being cossetted by the best of British cars.

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Lada of the pack

SOME would see it is an act of motoring faith beyond reasonable expectation, but Lada knows better. Caroline Seed. a hospital worker from Bath. and Nikki O'Sullivan, a businesswoman from Wokingham, are taking a Lada Niva Cossack from London to Saigon in the Jules Verne Challenge. Extensive rally success for the Cossack has bolstered their hopes of arriving in time to hand the vehicle over to the Save the Children Fund.

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When cause becomes pending

Hashim and Others (No 4) Before Lord Justice Fox. Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice

[Judgment July 17] For the purposes of rule 9 of Order 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, a cause or maner became pending on the issue of the originating process.

The Court of Appeal so held in the court of

dismissing, in a reserved judg-ment, an appeal by Mr Jalal Ohan Stephan, a resident of the State of Texas, from the refusal by Mr Justice Hoffmann (1992) 1 WLR 553) of an application to set aside an order for, inter alia, the renewal of a writ issued by the Arab Monetary Fund.

Mr Daniel Serota, QC, for Mr Stephan; Mr Charles Flint for the LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the judge had dismissed an application by Mr Stephan to set aside an order for the renewal of a writ made by him on June 15, 1990, an order made by the

master on June 14, 1991 under Order 11, rule 1(1)(c) giving leave for the issue of a concurrent writ for service on Mr Stephan out of the urisdiction and also the service Mr Stephan contended that the judge's refusal to set the service aside proceeded on an error of law: further or alternatively, on a single error of principle in the exercise of

On December 8, 1989 the judge

had ordered two actions com-menced by the fund, the main action and the secondary action, to be consolidated. Mr Stephan was a defendant to the secondary action, but not to the main action.

When the order for consolidation was made, the writ in the secondary action had not been served on him or on any of the other defendants to that action. He contended that the secondary action was therefore not "pending and that the order was on that

If the order was invalid so that the secondary action retained its separate existence, it could not be separate existence, a count not or said that "the claim is brought against a person duly served within or out of the jurisdiction" within Order 11, rule I(1)(c) and Mr Stephan's application to set aside the service had to succeed. Order 4, rule 9(1) provided: "Where two or more causes or matters are pending in the same division ... the court may order

those causes or matters to be consolidated ..."
Immediately following the rule in The Supreme Court Practice 1991 there was a note: "There is a discretion to consolidate pending actions, i.e. actions in which the writ has been served (The Helenslea ((1882) 7 PD 57) and in which judgment has not yet been obtained and satisfied."

in The Helenslea Sir Robert Phillimore declined to consolidate two cross-actions between the own-ers of two vessels which had been

actions had not been served.

Sir Robert Phillimore must be taken to have been applying the practice of the Admiralty Court. His Lordship therefore agreed with the judge that The Hetenslea could have no application to Order 4. rule 9, which had to be construed on its own merits.

Mr Serota referred to, inter alia,

Dresser UK Ltd v Falcongate reight Management Ltd [1992] 2 WLR 319) on the meaning of "pending". In that case the Court of Appeal held that, for the purposes of article 22 of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, incorporated into English law by the Civil Jurisdiotion and Judgments Act 1982, proceedings became "definitively

All three members of the court made it clear that they were interpreting the expression "defin-itively pending" only for the purposes of the provision which was before them. They recognised that for other purposes, proceedings might become "pending" on the issue of the originating process. In the present case, their Lord-

pending" when the writ was

ships were concerned with a rule regulating the practice of the courts within a single jurisdiction. It was not the leaning of the courts to restrict procedural powers which might be useful to them unless the wording of the rules or the interests of justice required it

the inconveniences of a narrow one and the absence of injustice were more than adequately demonstrated by Mr Justice Hoffmann (at p559A-D). In holding that he tion order the judge did not err in

Mr Serota further argued that the effect of the order for consolida-tion and the subsequent service out was that the limitation period stopped running against the fund on July 10, 1989, the date on which the writ in the secondary action was issued; whereas if the order for consolidation had not been made, the fund would have had to join Mr Stephan as an additional defendant to the main action, in which event, by virtue of Order 15, rule 8(4), see Ketteman v Hansel (1987) AC 189), the limitation period would not have stopped running against the fund until June 22, 1991, the date of

service on Mr Stephan. Thus, it was said that the fund gained the benefit of almost two years of the limitation period and that, in allowing it to retain that benefit, the judge erred in principle

But, in his Lordship's opinion, it could not be said that by refusing to set the service aside the judge erred in principle in the exercise of

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Fox agreed. Solicitors: Proctor Gillette;

Civil self-incrimination privilege

A. T. & T. Istel Ltd and Another v Tully and Another Before Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Lowry [Speeches July 20]

The privilege against self-in-crimination exercisable in civil proceedings was an archaic and unjustifiable survival from the past. If much needed reform of that privilege was to be carried out by its abolition or abridgement that had to be done by Parliament. as had occurred in a number of

The courts were entitled to tion in place of the privilege against self-incrimination, providing that such protection could properly be considered as

The House of Lords so held by a

rajority, Lord Griffiths dissert majority. Lord Griffiths dissenting only on the proposed order, allow-ing an appeal by the plaintiffs, A. T. & T. Istel Ltd and Abbey Business Consultants Ltd from an order of the Court of Association order of the Court of Appeal (Lord . Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and of the Rolls. Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Buffer-Sloss) (The Times November 18, 1991; [1992] I QB 315) dismissing an appeal by two of the defendants in the action, Mr Arthur Hugh Tully and Mrs Margaret McConnell Tully, from an order dated August 20, 1991 of Mr Instite Wright.

from an order dated August 20, 1991, of Mr Justice Wright.
On an application of Mr and Mrs Tully, the judge had set aside paragraphs of injunction granted ex parte by Mr Justice Buckley on July 5, 1991, requiring them (a) to disclose all dealings with certain moneys referred to in a schedule moneys referred to in a schedule and all sums representing or derived from those moneys and (b) to exhibit copies of all documen relating to the receipt or transfer of or dealing wih all such assets, in particular such documents as were

referred to by a schedule.

Paragraph 33 of that order provided: "No disclosure made in compliance with [the order] shall be used as evidence in the prosecution of the offence alleged to have been committed by the person required to make that disclosure or by any spouse of that person."

Mr Michael Tugendhat. QC and Mr Richard Spearman for the plaintiffs: Mr Alan Rawley, QC and Jeremy Gibbons for the defendants.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the plaintiffs' claim was based on allegations of a complicated fraud said to have been perpetrated by Mr Tully in conspiracy with Mrs Tully and with some or all of the defendants.

Authority engaged Abbey to provide computer services. At that time Abbey was controlled by Mr

and Mrs Tully and their family settlement trustees. By a written agreement dated May 26, 1988, (stel agreed to buy the entire share capital of Abbey and its subsidiary companies for £2,550,000. Mr Tully remained a director of Abbey and continued to play a prominent part in its manage In 1991 Wessex suspected that

they had been and were being swindled by Abbey and in particular by Mr Tully and certain employees of Wessex and Abbey and others. The alleged swindle took the form of charging Wessex for computer services which had for computer services which had not been rendered and double charging for services which had been rendered by a multiplication of invoices and false entries. The sums involved were suspected to run into millions of pounds.

A police investigation followed and a number of people, including Mr Tully, were arrested and questioned but so far no charges had been laid. The plaintiffs carried out their own investigations and by the recent restigations and by the recent tions and, by the present proceed-ings, alleged a large commercial fraud.

Mr Tully was in effect saying that if he disclosed his dealings with his assets or the moneys of Wessex and Abbey and if he furnished copies of the documents relating to those dealings he would be providing evidence which might assist the police to prosecute him for the crime of

The privilege against self-incrimination exercisable in civil proceedings was an archaic and unjustifiable survival from the past when the court directed the production of relevant documents and required the defendant to specify his dealings with the plain-niffs property or money. Parliament had recognised, in a

piecemeal fashion, that such privilege was profoundly unsatisfactory when no question of ill-treatment or dubious confessions was involved: see section 31 of the Theft Act 1968, section 72 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, section 434 of the Companies Act 1985, section 291 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and section 2 of the Criminal

Justice Act 1987. However, Parliament had not abolished the privilege. Thus Mr Tully would be entitled to rely on it privilege if, but only if and so far as compliance with Mr Justice Buckley's order would provide evidence against him in a criminal trial. In order to make the exercise of the privilege unnecessary that order included paragraph 33. The Crown Prosecution Service was informed of the order made by

representations in the appeal.

Mr Justice Buckley including paragraph 33 and was asked whether it wished to intervene in the hearing before the Court of Appeal or otherwise make

By a letter dated October 23. 1991, the CPS stated, inter alia, that the condition would only apply to disclosure made in iance with the order sought and would not prevent the CPS or the police utilising the material held or other material obtained independently of the present proceedings. It, therefore, did not seek to be heard.

In those circumstances, ance with Mr Justice Buckley's order, subject to the safeguards is paragraph 33 would not create for Mr Tully any real danger that he would be prejudiced in criminal proceedings by his compliance.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that he had considerable doubts about the wisdom of the order proposed. Criminal financial fraud on a vas scale had emerged as a threat to the financial health of the commu-nity. Those who committed those crimes must be pursued most vigorously under the criminal law. If they were allowed to get away with it others would take encouragement to follow their

Criminal fraud was notoriously difficult to establish and the evi-dence required to do so needed careful and skilled assessment. His Lordship did not know what consideration had been given to a prosecution of the defendants at the time the CPS letter was written.

His Lordship would not have been prepared to make an order in the terms proposed unless he knew that the letter was written by or with the direct authority of either the DPP or the Director of the Serious Fraud Office.

It was only in such circum-stances that his Lordship would feel assured that the matter had received consideration at the highest level and that there was no risk that the criminal law would be

LORD ACKNER accepted that if the privilege against self-in-crimination was to be abolished or abridged, then that had to be done by Parliament, as had occurred in a number of statutes.

Their Lordships were not here invited to abolish or abridge the

privilege. It remained wholly in tact its invocation was murely rendered superfluous.

The terms of paragraph 33 of the order, coupled with the written response of the CPS, prevented the material provided in compliance with the order being used as evidence in the prosecution of any offence alleged to have been committed by the defendants.

His Lordship would allow the appeal on the ground that the courts were entitled to substitute some different protection in place of the privilege against self-in-crimination, providing that such protection could properly be

considered as adequate protection. His Lordship rejected the sub-mission made to the Court of Appeal that so long as the terms of paragraph 33 had been brought to the notice of the prosecution authorities they would be unable to dence disclosed in compliance with

Not only must the prosecuting authorities have notice of the proposed order but they must unequivocally agree not to make use, directly or indirectly, of ma-terial divulged as a result of compliance with the order.

It must remain entirely a maner for the discretion of the prosecuting authorities as to whether they were in a position to and were prepared to give an assurance. Without such an assurance the court would not be able to provide a substitute protection which was adequate.

Lord Goff agreed.

LORD LOWRY emphasised that the present decision of the House did not represent a breakthrough in relation to the principle against self-incrimination. It was a decision on its own facts

in the light of that principle. Therefore, if reform of that principle was desirable before the decision, it was still needed in several respects which had already

Solicitors: Taylor Joynson Garreit; Lawrence Graham for Dutton Gregory & Williams, Eastleigh.

Identity warning

Regina v Duncan

Where the issue in a case was one of identity, a judge had to take care to give the conventional warning to the jury in respect of a defendant's failure to give evidence, particularly where a co-accused had given evidence, since the jury might until think that that in some might well think that that in some way strengthened the identifica tion evidence.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Wright)

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LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that a judge must had also to be careful in directing the jury on any alibi evidence. It might be that a jury that rejected the alibi might think that fact supported the identification

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judge was in the best position to decide whether proceedings in his own count should be stayed or allowed to proceed. The circumstances of the instant

case were not such that an injunction was necessary to protect the jurisdiction of the English court. Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in

the Chancery Division in dismissing an interfocutory application by the plaintiff company in proceedings begun in 1988 against Jawad Mahmoud Hashim and others which would restrain him, his wife and son from prosecuting an action in California against a former employee of the plaintiff who had made an affirmation on

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MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN

Mr Charles Flint for the plaintiff: Mr Hugo Page for Dr Hashim, his wife and son.

said the action was begun by writ issued on December 5, 1988, and on the same day the plaintiff applied for a Mareva injunction against Dr Hashim to freeze his

That was supported by a lengthy affirmation by the employee, Mr al Hafidh, who was the chief internal auditor. He had since resigned and emigrated to California where he now practised as an accountant. On October 22, 1991, Dr

Hashim and his wife and son began proceedings against him by complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, the essence of the complaint being that Mr al Hafidh's affirmation was false and molicious and part of a conspiracy to ruin Dr Hashim and his family.

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son from prosecuting the action in California until after the conclusion of the English trial.

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Generally speaking, as a matter of comity and common sense, the foreign judge was in the best position to decide whether it was just and equitable that proceedings in that court should be stayed or allowed to proceed.

There were cases where an injunction might be needed to protect the jurisdiction of the forum or to prevent a litigant from evading its important public policies, but when the question was simply one of justice between the itigants, uninfluenced by differences of public policy, the normal assumption was that the English court had no superiority over a foreign tribunal in knowing

what justice required. The plaintiff had said that the action in California against Mr al Hafidh was an interference with

the English court's jurisdiction by intimidating a potential witness. At present, there had been no final determination of the merits of the proceedings either in the ed Kingdom or in the United Uni States.

The question was whether the injunction was necessary to enable justice to be done in England or to safeguard the general jurisdiction of the English court. On the evidence, his Lordship was not satisfied that any such

anti-suit injunction was needed. Whether the Californian proceedings should be stayed or should proceed did not raise any question which could not equal and more appropriately be decided

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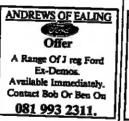
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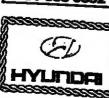
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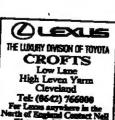
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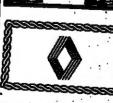


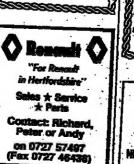


















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6.00 Ceefax (36540) 6.30 Breakfast News (50283434)

9.05 Bravestarr (r) (7260637) 9.25 Newsround Special: Yanomami—the Dying Tribe. Paul Welsh reports from the Amazon rain forests on the rescue plans for the Yanomami Indians (r) (8962144) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (4982569) 10.05 Playdays (r) (8685786) 10.25 Double Dare. Messy game show (r) (s) (3805322) 10.45 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (7782521)

News, regional news and weather (8665637) 11.05 The Flying Doctors (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7936705) 11.50 The Travel Show Traveller. A report on the Greek island of Zakinthos (r) (6662863)

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12.00 News, regional news and weather (5992434) 12.05 Summer Scene (8747250) 12.55 Regional News and weather (70747163)

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (82434)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (19853366) 1.50 Eldorado. Wednesday's episode. (Ceefax) (s) (99483453)

2.20 Racing From Ascot. The 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30 races (s) (5394434)

3.45 The Flintstones (6390182) 4.10 The All New Popeye Show (r) (2461453) 4.35 The True Story of Spit Macphee. Episode six of the eight-part children's serial (r). (Ceefax) (5521637)

5.00 Newsround (2312521) 5.05 Byker Grove. Children's drama series set in a north-east youth centre (r). (Ceefax) (4417601)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (366778). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (347)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (927). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (3873)
7.30 Bread Another comic slice of Liverpudlian laughter from the lives
of the workshy Boswell family (r). (Ceefax) (s) (811)
8.00 Birds of a Feather. Comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2521)
8.30 Joker in the Pack. (Ceefax) (s) (8328)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1250)



Off-beat detectives: Kim Thomson, Nicholas Clay (9.30pm)

9.30 Virtual Murder. CHOICE: Oh dear, This looks as If it might have been a comedy once before they realised it wasn't funny and decided to call it an "off-beat drama" instead. The theme is a criminal psychologist and "off-beat drama" instead. The theme is a criminal psychologist and his pretty assistant who moonlight (get the reference?) as detectives. Unfortunately Nicholas Clay and Kim Thomson have none of the chemistry of the pair in Moonlighting, nor of any other male-female duo you could care to imagine. It doesn't help that in this episode at least they are mainly apart, he investigating the mysterious case of the melting art works, she investigating the mysterious case of the missing investigator. Dr Comelius (Clay) has of course been ensnared by the wicked Dada-ist madman who has been dissolving the pamtings. Makes you wonder whether he could melt lilm too. (Ceefax) (s) (395705)

melt film too. (Ceefax) (s) (395705) 10.20 Film: Little Big Man (1970).

• CHOICE: Ageing from a callow youth to an eccentric old man, Dustin Hoffman gets to play a host of good parts, from young ploneer to adopted Indian, from white comman to heroic survivor of Custer's Last Stand. All these roles, we are asked to believe, are the property of one lack Crabb, the 121-year-old narrator of this very sprawling, shaggy dog story. Director Arthur Penn, the man behin Bonnie and Clyde, has soun considerable magic out of Thomas Berger's novel. Crabb's unreliable memoires take us from tragedy to comedy and back, with white America's past atrocities uncomfortably recreated and reassessed. Hoffman has seldom

been better and as a strange kind of epic western, the film works

well, rather better in fact than the embarrassingly over-lauded Dances With Wolves (Ceefax) (86136683). Northern Ireland Teenage Diaries 11.25-1.00am Film: The Couch Trip 12.35am Paul Young - From Time To Time. A compilation of songs recorded on the singer's current UK tour (6225293)
1.35 Weather (2240748)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Stand By Your Banner (7105927). Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (1214298) 8.20 Come Lasses and Lads. The story of the Reading Schools music festival (r) (5265434)

9.00 Cricket. Highlights of yesterday's first day's play in the fourth Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley (r) (s) (1601892)
9.40 Film: Desperate Search (1952, b/w) starring Howard Keel, Jane Greer and Patricia Medina. Drama about the search for two children, lost in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash, by the youngsters' father, his new wife and their natural mother. Directed by Jersey 1 (2915-229)

by loseph Lewis (3815328)

10.50 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the fourth Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley (s) (59452415)

(5) (59452415)

1.05 Made by Man. The skill of a tree surgeon (r) (23944298) 1.20

Postman Pat (r) (23925163) 1.35 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (15118057)

1.40 Cricket. Further live coverage from Headingley. Includes News and weather at 2.00 and 3.00 (22611873) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (6804415)

cing from Ascot. The EBF Sandwich Maiden Stakes at 4.05 4.25 Cricket. A return to live coverage of the closing session of the second day's play in the fourth Test (s) (89645366)



Pecking order: battery hers are bred for slaughter (6.30pm)

 6.30 Horizon: Life in the Fast Food Chain. Zoologist Colin Tudge considers the biological limits to productivity and asks if livestock are being unfairly treated (r). (Ceefax) (265057)
 7.20 The Crescent and the Star. The last in the documentary series examining the resurgence of Islam in the former Soviet states in central Asia. This programme reports from Kirghizstan. (Ceefax) (s)

(859989)
7.50 Feelings: Drivet Sarah Newman's contribution, the last in the series made by disabled people, explains why she feels restricted because she cannot drive. (Ceelax) (893163)

8.00 Gardeners' World. Liz Rigbey talks to biochemist Professor Geoffrey Dutton about the plot of inhospitable Tayside moorland

Geoffrey Dutton about the plot of inhospitable Tayside moorland that, after 30 years work, he has turned into a varied garden (2273)

8.30 Glyndebourne Gala in the presence of the Prince of Wales. A charity concert in aid of Glyndebourne's new opera house, presented by Sir Georgie Christie, Dame Janet Baker, Sir Geraint Evans and Elisabeth Soderstrom. An evening of arias by Monteverdi, Mozart, Rossini, Richard Strauss and Verdi, sung by Kim Begley, Montserrat Caballé, Cynthia Haymon, Felicity Lott, Bejamin Luxon, Frederica von Stade and Ruggero Raimondi with the Glyndebourne Chorus and the London Philharmonic orchestra, coodynators Andrew Davis and Remard Haitink (s) (84909347). conductors Andrew Davis and Bernard Haitink (s) (84909347) 10.10 Colour TV. White begins a series of six journeys through colour (r)

(362279)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (599989)
11.15 What the Papers Say. The week's press reviewed (441786)
11.30 Cricket. Highlights of the second day's play in the fourth Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley (s) (65279)

12.05 Weather (5936034)

12.05am Film: Son of Frankenstein (1939, b/w) starring Basil Rathbone, Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff. The third of Universal's Frankenstein series finds the original baron's son returning home to try to revive the monster. Directed by Rowland V. Lee (556922).

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6.00 TV-am (3334279) 9.25 Your Number Please. Phone-in game show with cash prizes, hosted by Neil Buchanan (s) (1053927) 9.55 Thames News (6172960)

(617290)

10.00 Out of this World. Cornedy series about a girl with remarkable powers, inherited from her alien father (r). (s) (6199637) 10.25 Wowser. Animation (6192724) 10.55 News headlines (2540328) 11.00 Ox Tales. Two animated adventures for Ollie the Ox (2550705) 11.25 Just for the Record. World beating feats (9779347) 11.50 Thames News (5287250) 11.55 Cartoon Time (5012124) 12.10

Rainbow. Pre-school learning series (r) (3377618)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle)
Weather (3560724) 1.05 Thames News (23917144)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family dramas. (Oracle) (279057)

1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (278328)

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2.15 Highway to Heaven. Drama series about an apprentice angel on Earth to earn its wings. Starring Michael Landon (5537453)
3.10 FTN News headlines (4776811) 3.15 Thames News headlines (4775182) 3.20 The Young Doctors (7169618)
3.50 Cartoon Time (6831569) 3.55 The Gingerbread Man. Animated series based on the musical play by David Wood. (Oracle) (s) (1802231) 4.05 The Adventures of Teddy Ruspin (r) (6809960)
4.30 Woofl (r). (Oracle) (9762958)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (9762958)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

(223989)
5.55 Six O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough, Joanna Sheldon and Jeni Barnett. Among the guests is Alan Whicker whose new series Around Whicker's World begins tonight at 8.00 on this channel

7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis (8569) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Orade) (279)



New boy: Alan Whicker on his first package tour (8.00pm)

8.00 Around Whicker's World: The Ultimate Package.

Around Whicker's World: The Ultimate Package.
CHOICE: Whicker is very much the been everywhere, done everything type, yet it's nice to know there are a few experiences which can leave him feeling like a new boy on his first day at school. For Whicker is a package tour virgin, something this four-part series has put right by sending him on a luxury round-the-world jaunt with 87 fellow passengers. I think the new boy is supposed to mingle, but besides endlessly asking his co-travellers how they can justify the expense, he's much more interested in himself. Wherever he lands up, the memories come flooding back. Venice in particular proves a tear-jerker. "This is a private moment for me", he tells the camera and several million viewers. "To be back again where I was young, when every day was soringtime. Now every day

where I was young, when every day was springtime. Now every day is autumn . . ." (Oracle) (5705)

9.00 Favorite Son. The political thriller continues with Brenner and Rieker realising that their cover-up has been revealed. Brenner then tries to bribe Mancuso but the FBI agent can't be bought.

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Concludes after the news. (Oracle) (5569)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle)
Weather (466927) 10.35 LWT News (529665)

10.40 Favorite Son conclusion. (Oracle) (860989)

11.15 Michael Watson Benefit Evening. Boxing from London's
Grosvenor House Hotel in aid of the brain-damaged MichaelWatson, injured ten months ago in a title bout with Chris Eubank.
Among those on the bill tonight is top British middleweight Chris
Pvatt (912076) Pvatt (912076) 12.00 Hookedi A repeat of the series on drug abuse (29477) 12.30am Married ... With Children. American domestic comedy

(7501800) 12.55 Rescue 911. More tales of deming-do by the American emergency

services (6233212)

2.00 American Gladiators. Feats of strength and strategy (5919564)

3.00 GnemAttractions. Movie news from America (70859) 3.30 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (s) (49748)
4.30 Matchroom League Snooker (97309)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (20106). Ends at 6.00

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9.25 Little Rosey. Animation (r) (s) (1037989)
9.50 The Henderson Kirls. Australian family drama serial (r) (2210521)
10.15 Rockhound Magoo. Cartoon (4954786)
10.25 Film: Background (1953, blw) starring Valerie Hobson. Philip Friend and Norman Woolland. Drama about a cruple who suddenly realise the effect their impending divorce is having or their children (lanette Scott, Mandy Miller and Jeremy Spenser. Directed by Daniel Birt (88569095)
12.00 Land of Hope. Episode two of a ten-part drama series about the lives of an insh-Australian family from the turn-of-the-century to the 1970s (r) (7034908)
12.55 Zeno is Ilf. Animation from Hungary (70730873)
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (r) (18908)
2.01 Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage comedy series starring Lucille Ball (5095)
2.30 Film: The Duka Wore Jeans (1957, b/w) starring Tommy Steele and June Laverick. A musical tale with Steele in two roles — one as an aristocrat being forced by his family to woo a princess unaware that he is alreadty married, the second as the aristos doppelganger who is persuaded to stand in at the wedding. Directed by Gerald Thomas (50872892)
4.05 Everty Valley. A 1957 British Rail documentary about life in the

4.05 Every Valley. A 1957 British Rail documentary about life in the industrial valleys of south Wales (6807502)
 4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers quiz game presented by Richard Whiteley (892)
 5.00 Every Valley.

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5.00 Secret History: A repeat of Monday's documentary reconstruction of the last days of the Italian premier Aldo Moro. (Teletext) (8182) 6.00 Blossom. Comedy series starring Mayim Bialik as a teenage girl in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (647) 6.30 Tour de France. The 19th stage — Tours to Blois, the final individual time trial, over a distance of 60km (637) 7.00 Charmel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (607279) 7.50 First Reaction (982721)

7.50 First Reaction (883231)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (5) 8.30 in With Mavis. Mavis Nicholson talks to Monica Dickins about the

problems of following in the footsteps of her great-grandfather, Charles (r). (Teletext) (4366) 9.00 Cheers. Comedy series about the patrons and staff of a popular Boston bar (r). (Teleted) (4960)



An English country garden in France: Alan Mason (9.30pm)

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© CHOICE: In the first of a two-part documentary, Alan Mason, a garden designer from Yorkshire, reveals how, with a little help from his friends, he transformed a 14th-century French manor house estate into the perfect English garden. He is the first to admit that the vast Brittany house with its eight and a half overgrown acres was not at all what he had in mind: "It made absolutely no sense, but I bought it anyway." The deciding factor it seems was the view from the French windows down to a stream and a wood beyond. Thereafter it was a case of hard graft to create a lake, flowerbeds. Thereafter it was a case of hard graft to create a lake, flowerbeds and a lawn. For anyone sick to death of the Peter Mayle "magic of France" approach, Mason, with his lack of the large and self-deprecating humour, offers a refreshingly different, down-to-earth point of view. (Teletext) (98219)

10.00 Roseanne. American domestic comedy staming Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (62231) 10.30 Hale and Pace. More comedy sketches from Gareth and Norman

(r) (88279) 11.00 A Stab in the Dark. A quizzical look at the week's news by David

Baddiel, Michael Gove and Tracey MacLood (s) (6705) 11.30 Film: Nightfali (1956, b/w) staring Aldo Ray and Anne Bancroft. Thriller about a man on the run for a murder and robbery he did not commit chased by the police and the actual killers. Directed by

Jacques Tourneur (970328)
12.55am Twillight Zone: Back There (bAv). Another tale of the supernatural (9782125). Ends at 1.25

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SKY ONE

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite 6.03am The DI Kat Show (92197182) 8.40 Mrs. Pepperpot (8861569) 8.55 Playabout (1686131) 9.10 Cartoons (1904134) 9.30 The Pyramd Game (33231) 10.00 Let's Make a Deai (96163) 10.30 The Bold and the Make a Dearloy ito.; 10.30 The South of the Beauthuri (16124) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (1632.9 12.00 St Essenhere (56182) 1.00pm E Street (17144) 1.30 Geraldo (48415; 2.30 Another World (3905785) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (811057) 3.45 The DI Kas Show, 15862095; 5.00 Facts of Life (3779) 5.30 Diffrent Surples (9540) 8.00 Lance (16550) 8.00 Section (16550) 8.00 13.79 13.00 mices: 37.00 p. 3.00 E Street (77.05) 7.00 Alf (2415) 7.30 Candid Camera (3339) 8.00 The Flash (73873) 9.00 YAVE Superstars of Wresting (93637) 10.00 Studs (26453) 10.30 Firm: Dementa 13 (1963) starming Luane Arriers and Parinch Magee 1565-401 12.30am Pages from Skytest

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 6.00am Showcase (3258453)

10.00 Promised a Miracle (1988): A couple refuse medicine for their son (48163) 12.00 Lady Caroline Lareb (1973): Sarah Miles stars as Byron's instress (77997231) 2.05pm The Waltens' Crists: An Easter Story (1990: Homespun tale (44752) 4.00 Spaced invaders (1990: Martians crashland on earth (7618) 6.00 Promised a Miyacle (53713989) 8.00 Murder in Mississippi (1990: Chil nobis drama (12071518)

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11.30 Wild Orchid (1989); Erobe drama starring Carre Ots (776347)
1.15sm The Vineyard (1999): An immortal scentist seeks young blood (291941)
2.45 Look Wilso's Talliang (1999): Bruce Wilso is the voice of baby Mikey (891564)
4.20 Blue Heat (1990): A narcotos squad fights for justice (994361). Ends at 6.00 nations (70729) 3.30 ABC News (75274) 4.30 Those Were The Days (26835) 5,30 Newsline (59632)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL Wia the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 15am The Key (1958): Tugboal captains share Sophia Loren (45535786)
 240 The Man From Button Willow (1975): Animation (34689160) 18.15 Three Hats For Usa: Musical cornedy staring Joe Brown (781057) 12.15 pm Sea Devils (1953) (645417) 2.15 Ghost Dad (1990): Bill Cooby returns

from the dead (187083)
4.15 Space Firebird: Cartcon (975569)
6.15 Courage Mountain (1990): The adventures of Heid (955705)
8.15 Matters of the Heart (1990): Planist Jane Seymour has an affair (95981958)
10.05 Sea of Love (1989): Policaman Al Pacino is belt for a killer (584908)
12.00 Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990): Roy Scheder photographs a gangster's execution (1989): Robert Forster tracks missing women (134545)
2.25 Women in Love (1970): Novel by D.H. om the dead (187083)

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Vis the Astra satellite
 A.00pm Mr Ed (8250) 4.30 Purky Brewster (4434) 5.00 Green Acres (8521) 5.30 The Lucy Show (5786) 6.00 The Monkess (5927) 6.30 Three's Company (6279) 7.00 Designing Women (5057) 7.30 McHale's Navy (5163) 8.00 Arm (88an (4705) 8.30 Babes (6540) 9.00 Hogam's Heroes (32076) 9.30 The Lucy Show (54637) 10.00 Kdds in the Hall (79188) 10.30 McHale's Navy (19076) SAME CONDITION.

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10.00am Getting Fit (47811) 10.30 Jokes
Wild (9280908) 10.55 Search For Tomorrow
(928927) 11.25 The Joan Rivers Show
(8797076) 12.10pm Sally Jessy Raphael
(7376366) 1.00 Lunchbox 168892) 1.30 Sell-a-Vison
(95960) 2.00 Power Hits USA
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tral News (608386) 11.20 First Corridors of Blood (765250) 12.53 Hardbell (6234941) 1.55 Tony Carrigue & Friends (1991212) 3.00 Alfred Hitchoock Presents (7133545) 3.30 Cover Story (40311854) 4.00 The Hit Man and Her (7912767) 4.55-5.30 Jobs GRANADA

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6.30 A Hack Goes West: Dylan Winter continues his trek along the Oregon trail (s) (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Mck of the Week (s) 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion from Southam, Warwickshire, between Robin Cook, MP, shadow leadth secretary.

between Robin Cook, MP, shadow health secretary, Michael Portillo, MP, chief secretary to the treasury; Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford; and Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat spokesman on treasury affairs 8.50 Law in Action 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Battle of the

Books
CHOICE: Mark Steyn,

reference this three round heavyweight contest between supporters of Virginia Woolf and James Joyce, has acted in

a most unsportsmanlike manner. He withholds his

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RADIO 3

 6.55am Weather
 7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news, weather and arts headlines. Including at 7.41 Schumann (Korzertstück for August 1988) four homs and orchestra); 8.45 Elgar (Concert Overture, Froissart)
9.00 Composers of the Weelc
William Walton. Coronation
March, Crown Imperial (LPO
under Adrian Boult); Violin
Concerto (Jascha Heifetz, ISO
under Malcolm Sargent); A
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Litany (Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge under Richard Marlow): Varil Caprico (LPO under Bryden Thomson)

Newgate's Garland:
Broadside Band under Jeremy Barlow, with Ernity van Evera, soprano, John Potter, tenor, performs songs and popular tunes from John Gay's three ballad operas: The Beggar's Opera, Polly and Achilles (r) 00.02



Dohnányi (7.30pm)

10.55 Test Match Special: England v Pakistan. Commentary on the second day's play of the fourth Test from Headingley. 1.05pm News. 1.10 Call the Commentators: 071-580 4444. Listeners are myited to put their questions to the commentary team to the commentary team. Lines open from 11am. 1.30 County Scoreboard. 1.40 Commentary. 3.45 The Yorkshire Leagues. Ion Champion looks at the cricket scene in Yorkshire. 4.00 Commentary and close of play summary. (If play finishes early, Radio 3 with revert to a music schedule) 6.10 Evening Sequence: Music on records 7.25 News
7.30 Proms 1992: Live from the Albert Hall, London. The first of two Proms performed by the Cleveland Orchestra under Christoph von Dohnarryl, Herbert Will (Concerto for Orchestra — European premiere, commissioned jointly by the Cleveland Orchestra and the Salzburg Festival); Weill (The Seven Deadly Sins: Anja Silja, soprano). 8.20 Christoph von Dohnarryl, nominated 1992 Conductor of the Year by the magazine the Year by the magazine Musical America, talks with Michael Hall. 8.40 Berlioz

(Symphonie fantastique)

9.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: As
Thousands Cheer — Irving Berlin ● CHOICE: It is not a ochoice: it is not a contradiction in terms to say that the unfamiliar living Berlin songs in Robert Cushman's miscellarly include a perennial favourite, "Easter Parade". What qualifies it for inclusion is the unlikely choice of Cliffon Webb as its of Clifton Webb as its interpreter, not Garland,
Astaire or Kelly. We in Britain
new Webb only as a caustic
presence in many a Hollywood
lim. Americans knew han also

as a song and dance man. Another surprise tonight is Berlin's setting of Emma Lazarus's lines ("huddled masses", etc) inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. We hear it performed by a choir big enough to sink Ellis Island under their combined weight 10.30 Manchester Summer Recital 10.30 Manchester Summer Recital

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1992: The pianist Philip Martin
performs the last concert of
the season, recorded earlier
today in the Concert Hall of
New Broadcasting House.
Mozart (Sonata in B flat, K
333); Chopin (Noctumes: In C
sharp minor, Op 27 No 1: in C
minor, Op 48 No 1); Philip
Martin (Hornage to O'Carolan,
1991); Debussy (Broulifards, La
Puerta del Vino: Bruyères;
Général Lavine, eccentric,
Ondine; Feux d'artifice,
Preludes, Bk. II) 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the
Weelc The Court of Frederick Week: The Court of Frederick the Great (r)

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.39
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.35
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 William at War:
William and the Bornb. The
final story by Richmal

William and the Bomb. The final story by Richmal Crompton 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs; Sue

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Lawley's castaway is Sir
Peregrine Worsthome (s) (r)
9.45 The Village: Real-life stories
from Bemiley in Hampshire
10.00-10.30 News; Gosling in the
High Street (FM only): Ray
Gosling looks at Jesse Boot,
the principled chemist and
founder of the Boots chain
10.00 Daily Service (I.W only) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.05 The Bible (LW only): The Letters of Paul: Galatiers to Thesialonians, Tamothy West reads Ephesians (3 of 8)

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10.30 Woman's Hour looks ahead
to the Edinburgh festivel
fringe. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 Natural History Programme,
presented by Jessica Hohm
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme
reports from Israel on the tug
of war over water 12.55
Weather
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2.00 News; Classic Serial; La
Peste, by Albert Camus (s) (r)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 A Good Read: Edward Bishen
invites Fay Weldon and

invites Fay Weldon and Michael Foot to talk about four paperbacks (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope visits Newcastle 4.05 Kaleidoscope visits Newcastle upon Tyne for the Laing Gallery's exhibition, Gauguin and His Friends; reports on the Abren-Provence opera festival; and looks at the animation of Jaraslav Citta at the Warrington Art Gallery (s) 4.45 Short Story: He Said it With Arsenic, by Ruskin Bond. Read by Geoffrey Whitehead (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

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hanner. He withholds his
verdict, leaving it to
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decide whether it will be the
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defend the title of literary
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Both sides land some pretty
damaging bunches tonight,
but neither side is anywhere
near hitting the camas whe
the final bell goes.
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hitting below the belt. Does
help to know that Woolf
rolled her own cigarettes, or
that loyce carried a ministri
pair of women's knickers it
pocker? (s) (r)

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Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weathe
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Stran
in the House, by Georges
Smienon (5 of 10) (r)
11.00 Little Blighty on the Dow
Third of fine visits (s)
11.25 The Financial Week
11.35 Reasting on the Archives
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servies a three-course meal
from the BBC archives. Wal
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12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping
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